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Minutes of the House Standing Committee  
on  
Oversight and Ethics

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Thursday, June 4, 2015

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics was called to order by Representative Ed McBroom, Chair.

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The Clerk called the roll; members present were **Representatives McBroom, Howrylak, Graves, Theis, Robinson, and Pagan. (6/6)**

The Clerk announced that a quorum was present.

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The Chair laid before the committee the minutes of May 21, 2015 as printed.

**Representative Theis moved to adopt the minutes of May 21, 2015 as printed.**

**There being no objection the motion prevailed by unanimous consent of the members present; the minutes were adopted as printed.**

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The Chair laid before the committee House Joint Resolution O.

**HJR O (Howrylak)** Higher education; governing boards; open meetings for university boards; require, and provide for public inspection of records.

Representative Howrylak, the joint resolution sponsor, explained the resolution and addressed questions from committee members. Handout attached.

Lisa McGraw, Public Affairs Manager for the Michigan Press Association, testified in support of the joint resolution. Question and discussion followed. Handout attached.

Herschel Fink, Legal Counsel for the Detroit Free Press and the Michigan Community Newspapers, testified in support of the joint resolution. Written testimony attached.

Cynthia H. Wilbanks, Vice President for Government Relations in the Office of the President at the University of Michigan, testified in opposition to the joint resolution.

The following individuals submitted testimony cards opposing the joint resolution, but did not wish to speak:

Maureen Watson-Bolger, Lobbyist for McAlvey Merchant and Associates representing Oakland University;

Greg Bird, Director of State Relations in the Division of Government and Community Affairs at Wayne State University;

Toby Roth, Governmental Relations in the Development and External Relations Division at Central Michigan University;

Dr. Michael Boulus, Executive Director of the President's Council of State Universities of Michigan;

John Kaczynski, Director for the Center for Public Policy and Service at Saginaw Valley State University;

Chad Wing, Director of State Relations in the Office of Government and Community Relations at Eastern Michigan University; and

Katie John, Assistant Vice President for Governmental Affairs at Western Michigan University;

The following Individuals submitted written testimony, but did not wish to speak:

Jane Briggs-Bunting, President of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government, and  
Ronald E. Robinson, Oakland University Trustee.

Per House Rule 34 (10), the following individuals submitted testimony wishing to speak, but due to session starting at noon; they were not able to testify;

Brad Jacobsen, opposing, and  
Patrick M. Clawson, supporting.

At 11:58 a.m., the Chair went at ease at the call of the Chair.

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From the House floor at 1:25 p.m., **the Chair declared the Committee on Oversight and Ethics adjourned.**

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Ed McBroom, Chair  
House Standing Committee on Oversight and Ethics

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Joy Brewer, Committee Clerk

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Date approved by the committee