

LATVIJAS REPUBLIKAS FISKĀLĀS DISCIPLĪNAS PADOME

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Council meeting minutes No 3 (35)

Riga 8 May 2019

Chairman:

Chairman of Fiscal Discipline Council – J.Platais

Participants of the meeting:

Deputy Chairman of Fiscal Discipline Council	I.Eriņš
Member of Fiscal Discipline Council	M.Hansen
Member of Fiscal Discipline Council	I.Šteinbuka
Member of Fiscal Discipline Council (teleconference mode)	A.Ūbelis

Participant not attending meeting:

Memb	er of Fiscal Disci	pline Council	Ülo Kaasik

Invited participant to the meeting agenda #2:

Council secretary candidate	[]
Council secretary candidate	[]
Council secretary candidate	I.Golsts

Invited participant to the meeting agenda #3 and #4:

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Fiscal Disci	ipline	e Cou	ıncil s	ecretary	7				D.Kalsone	

Taking minutes:

Member of the Fiscal Council

I.Šteinbuka

Meeting starts at 12:00

J.Platais opens the meeting

Fiscal Discipline Council (Council) Chairman J.Platais opens the meeting and announces the agenda (annexed, incl. meeting presentation).

1 Approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

Reporter: J.Platais

Decision:

1.1 Approve 5 April 2019 Council meeting minutes.

I.Eriņš votes for; M.Hansen votes for; I.Šteinbuka votes for; A.Ūbelis votes for; J.Platais votes for.

2 Interviews of the applicants for the position of the Secretary of the Council followed by discussion and the selection process

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Interviewees: [...], [...], I.Golsts
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Members of the Council agree that applicants must be grouped according to their proposed position. The Council agrees that an employment contract will be concluded with the winner of the second round of the Fiscal Discipline Council Secretary Competition – the most suitable candidate for the post of Secretary. If the invited tenderer refuses to enter into the employment relationship with the council, it will be offered to conclude the employment contract with the next most suitable candidate.

The members of the Council, in accordance with the competition regulations approved on April 23, 2019 for the selection of candidates for the post of the secretary of the Fiscal Discipline Council (No. 3-08/401), interview the applicants applying for the position of the secretary of the Fiscal Discipline Council, won the following candidates in the first round of the competition:

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1. [...] -12:00 - 12:20;
2. [...] -12:30 - 12:50;
3. Ivars Golsts - 13:00 - 13:20.
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Questions are asked about applicants' education, previous work experience, essays submitted by applicants on fiscal policy, and other questions to establish suitability for accepting the position of the Secretary of the Council.

After completing all interviews the Council members provide rating of the participants and assign scores for the responses to the interview questions as well as briefly discuss the suitability of each candidate for the proposed position of the secretary of the Fiscal Council.

After the interviews, the council members compare the information provided by all three applicants and choose the most suitable candidate for the position of the council secretary. The possibility of continuing the secretarial search is also considered, given the need for in-depth understanding and experience in the economy and macroeconomic analysis.

Decision:

- 2.1 Categorize interviewed applicants according to their proposed position in the following order:
 - A. I.Golsts.
 - B. [...];
 - C. [...].
- 2.2 Authorize the Chairman of Fiscal Discipline Council to negotiate and sign a contract for assuming the responsibilities of the Secretary of the Council with the applicants according to the ranking above. The next candidate shall be approached, if the invited applicant refuses to

enter into a contract with the Fiscal Discipline Council. In case the second applicant refuses to enter into the employment relationship with the Fiscal Council, announce a repeated tender. 2.3 Agree to offer the candidate accepting a short term service contract starting in May 2019 to facilitate the handover process.

I.Eriņš votes for; M.Hansen votes for; I.Šteinbuka votes for; A.Ūbelis votes for; J.Platais votes for.

3 Discussion of the Council's response to the MoF opinion regarding Interim Report on the Latvia's Stability Programme for 2019-2022

Reporter: J.Platais

J.Platais reports on the Council's response to the MoF opinion regarding Interim Report on the Latvia's Stability Programme for 2019-2022.

Tour de table of the meeting participant.

Decision:

3.1 Authorize Council Chairman in cooperation with the Secretary of the Council to finalize the response to the MoF's comments on the Councils Interim Report on the Latvia's Stability Programme for 2019-2022.

I.Eriņš votes for; M.Hansen votes for; I.Šteinbuka votes for; A.Ūbelis votes for; J.Platais votes for.

4 Technical secretariat issues

Reporter: D.Kalsone

4.1 Council meetings calendar 2019 (updated).

D.Kalsone reports on the updated meetings of the Council and of the Council working group meetings calendar. An updated meeting plan is available online at the Council's website.

Decision:

4.1.1 Take note of the updated meetings plan for 2019.

I.Eriņš votes for; M.Hansen votes for; I.Šteinbuka votes for; A.Ūbelis votes for; J.Platais votes for.

4.2 Council 2019 four months budget execution.

D.Kalsone reports on the Council's budget execution (8 May): 78.3% (renumeration for 76.2% due to the vacancy for fiscal risks expert and maintenance for 82.6% due to the lag of the contracting payments).

Decision:

4.2.1 Take note of information on the Council's 2019 four months budget execution.

I.Eriņš votes for; M.Hansen votes for; I.Šteinbuka votes for; A.Ūbelis votes for;

J.Platais votes for.

4.3 Changes in the Council Secretariat.

D.Kalsone report on the changes to the Council Secretariat as of 1 June 2019.

Decision:

- 4.3.1 Take note of information on changes in the Council Secretariat.
- 4.3.2 Express gratitude of the Council for the contribution of Dace Kalsone and Elīna Lucka in the support to the fiscal discipline in Latvia and the effort of the Council.

I.Eriņš votes for; M.Hansen votes for; I.Šteinbuka votes for; A.Ūbelis votes for; J.Platais votes for.

The meeting was adjourned at 14:20.

Council Chairman J.Platais

Meeting Secretary I.Šteinbuka