



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL 68th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

August 23, 2023
Capitol Room 137
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Matt Regier, Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Flowers, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Rep. Alice Buckley (D)
Sen. Jason Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Rep. Derek Harvey (D)
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)
Sen. Susan Webber (D)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Todd Everts, Legal Division Director
Jerry Howe, Executive Director

Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)

VISITORS' LIST [\(Attachment 2\)](#)

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

09:30:35 Chair Regier called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATE

09:31:49 Jerry Howe, Executive Director, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

New Employee Introductions

09:32:02 Kelly DaSilva, Human Resource Manager, LSD

OLIS Hiring Update

09:35:20 Dale Gow, Chief Information Officer, LSD

[EXHIBIT1](#)

[EXHIBIT2](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

09:48:00 Sen. Ellsworth
09:51:40 Sen. Flowers
09:53:24 Todd Everts, Legal Director, LSD
09:54:29 Sen. Fitzpatrick
09:59:28 Rep. Vinton
10:00:22 Rep. Knudsen
10:02:00 Rep. Harvey
10:03:08 Chair Regier
10:08:10 Sen. Ellsworth
10:08:51 Rep. Knudsen

Motion

10:10:57 Rep. Harvey moved to approve four positions out of the IT reserve account.

Discussion on the Motion

10:11:11 Sen. Ellsworth
10:12:25 Rep. Buckley

Vote

10:13:21 The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

LEGAL OFFICE UPDATE

Codification

10:14:30 Todd Everts

2023 MCA Reduced Folio Pricing for Local Government Entities

10:15:32 Todd Everts

Committee Questions/ Discussion

10:18:03 Rep. Vinton

Public Comment

10:20:25 Connor Fitzpatrick, Lewis and Clark County Elections

10:21:31 Amy Reeves, Lewis and Clark County, Treasurer/Clerk and Recorder

Motion

10:22:55 Rep. Vinton moved that local government be charged the same rate for the folio that state agencies are charged.

Committee Questions/ Discussion

10:23:20 Chair Regier

Vote

10:23:33 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Uniform Electronic Legal materials Act

10:24:01 Todd Everts

[EXHIBIT3](#)

[EXHIBIT4](#)

Litigation Update, SB 442

10:28:45 Todd Everts

[EXHIBIT5](#)

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR MOVE UPDATE

10:31:20 Angus MacIver, Director, Legislative Audit Division (LAD)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

10:37:37 Chair Regier

10:38:38 Steve Baiamonte, General Services Administrator, Department of Administration (DOA) resumed the presentation.

Committee Questions/ Discussion

10:40:30 Rep. Knudsen

10:45:10 Chair Regier

10:48:42 Rep. Knudsen asked Steve Baiamonte about the ROWS acronym.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY REPORT ON STATE MUSEUM

10:49:45 Molly Kruckenburg, Director, State Historical Society

[EXHIBIT6](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

10:53:07 Rep. Knudsen

RECESS

10:56:13 Reconvened at 11:04:31

LEGISLATIVE SPACE PROJECT UPDATE

11:05:17 Gregg Sanders, Hennebery Eddy Architects

[EXHIBIT7](#)

11:33:54 Rep. Knudsen

11:36:34 Rep. Harvey

11:45:29 Rep. Knudsen

11:46:01 Gregg Sanders

11:48:41 Chair Regier

Committee Questions/ Discussion

11:49:17 Rep. Vinton

11:51:20 Chair Regier

11:52:18 Sen. Ellsworth

11:53:39 Sen. Bogner

11:54:28 Rep. Knudsen

11:55:11 Rep. Vinton

11:56:03 Chair Regier

11:56:54 Rep. Buckley

11:57:35 Chair Regier

11:58:37 Joe Triem, Deputy Director, Legislative Fiscal Division

12:01:41 Sen. Ellsworth

12:03:16 Todd Everts

12:03:45 Rep. Vinton

12:04:14 Rep. Knudsen

12:04:49 Sen. Ellsworth

12:06:32 Chair Regier

12:07:00 Sen. Bogner

12:08:12 Rep. Knudsen

Public Comment on any matter under the Legislative Council's jurisdiction

12:09:16 None

OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS

12:10:02 Todd Everts
12:11:22 Sen. Fitzpatrick
12:11:46 Sen. Webber
12:11:53 Sen. Ellsworth
12:12:04 Rep. Vinton

Motion

12:12:20 Chair Regier moved that Sen. Webber, Sen. Fitzpatrick, Rep. Vinton and Rep. Buckley be appointed to the Legislative Rules Subcommittee.

Vote

12:12:33 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Committee Questions/ Discussion

12:12:51 Kelly DaSilva instructed council members about closed meetings.
12:13:25 Closed Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

12:43:09 Chair Regier adjourned the meeting at 12:43 PM