



HB 754 MUS 2-Year Commission

66th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

September 9, 2019
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Helena, Montana

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. DEE BROWN
SEN. MARGIE MACDONALD
SEN. EDIE MCCLAFFERTY
SEN. FRED THOMAS
REP. BRADLEY HAMLETT
REP. SUE VINTON
REP. LLEW JONES
COMMISSIONER JOE BILLION
COMMISSIONER TAYLOR BLOSSOM
COMMISSIONER SANDRA BOHAM
COMMISSIONER CASEY LOZAR
COMMISSIONER PAUL TUSS

COMMISSION MEMBERS EXCUSED

REP. JOHN FULLER

COMMISSIONER JOHN MERCER
REP. JACOB BACHMEIER
COMMISSIONER DARLENE SCHOTTLE

STAFF PRESENT

PAD MCCRACKEN, LEAD STAFFER
LAURA SANKEY KEIP, ATTORNEY
VERONICA SULLIVAN, SECRETARY

VISITORS' LIST(Attachment 1)

AGENDA(Attachment 2)

COMMISSION ACTIONS

- adopted the Rules, Procedures, and Guidelines for Interim Commissions and voted to allow written proxies;
- elected Rep. Sue Vinton as presiding officer and Sen. Edie McClafferty as vice presiding officer; and
- provided direction to staff in developing the commission's work plan.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

10:07:53 Sen. Thomas called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m and the commission secretary took roll (Attachment 3). Rep. Bachmeier, Rep. Fuller, Comm. Mercer and Comm. Schottle were excused.

Member introductions

10:11:34 Sen. Thomas
10:12:40 Sen. Brown
10:13:20 Comm. Tuss
10:14:25 Comm. Blossom
10:14:56 Rep. Vinton
10:16:01 Sen. McClafferty
10:16:31 Sen. Hamlett
10:18:19 Comm. Boham
10:20:38 Comm. Billion
10:21:40 Comm. Lozar
10:24:40 Rep. Jones
10:27:56 Sen. MacDonald
10:29:41 Comm. Tuss introduced Rep. Bachmeier
10:31:05 Sen. Brown introduced Rep. Fuller
10:31:48 Sen. Thomas introduced Comm. Mercer
10:32:57 Mr. Peter Donovan member of the public, introduced Comm. Schottle.
10:34:09 Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
10:35:24 Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney
10:36:14 Veronica Sullivan, Secretary

COMMISSION DISCUSSION

10:37:39 Sen Thomas discussed how to get students into various programs.
10:40:37 Rep. Vinton discussed students furthering their education.
10:42:51 Rep. Jones discussed looking at needs for multiple groups of students.
10:48:25 Sen. McClafferty discussed getting counselors more involved and costs lowered.
10:48:59 Sen. Brown discussed the costs of education and transferability of credits.
10:51:12 Comm. Lozar discussed dual enrollment and pathways.
10:54:19 Commission discussion on getting businesses more involved in partnerships with students.
11:03:55 Rep. Hamlett discussed getting the trends and needs for employment. To also focus on life skills for students.
11:06:30 Comm. Boham discussed vocational programs and costs of courses.
11:10:51 Rep. Hamlett discussed other ways of learning for students.
11:11:12 Sen. Thomas discussed looking at the hierarchy of how programs are set up.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

11:13:58 Mr. McCracken (**Exhibit 1**)
11:16:50 Ms. Sankey Keip (**Exhibit 2**) (**Exhibit 3**) (**Exhibit 4**)

MOTION

11:22:07 Sen. MacDonald moved to adopt the rules, procedures and guideline.

VOTE

11:22:15 The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION

11:22:37 Rep. Jones moved that proxies be allowed.

VOTE

11:23:23 Motion passes on a unanimous voice vote.

BREAK (Reconvened 11:29)

Election of presiding officer

MOTION

11:29:50 Sen. Brown moved to elect Rep. Vinton as chair and Sen. McClafferty as vice chair.

VOTE

11:30:15 Motion passes on a unanimous voice vote.

Overview of proposed Work Plan Outline and Budget

11:31:53 Mr. McCracken (**Exhibit 5**)

BACKGROUND I

11:34:39 Ms. Sankey Keip (**Exhibit 6**)

Postsecondary governance generally/History of 2-year and vocational

11:36:54 Mr. McCracken (**Exhibit 7**) (**Exhibit 8**) (**Exhibit 9**) (**Exhibit 10**)

Commission Questions

11:49:26 Rep. Hamlett asked about Northern's vocational programs.

11:49:48 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner Of Higher Education.

- 11:50:43 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. McCracken asked about the Gallatin and Bitterroot colleges and where they fit in on Exhibit 7's chart. (see Exhibit 7)
- 11:51:59 Sen. MacDonald asked about the 12 year period and the structure. (see Exhibit 8).

MUS strategic plan related to 2-year and vocational education

11:53:03 Tyler Trevor, OCHE (**Exhibit 11**)

Commission Questions/Commission Discussion

- 12:01:01 Rep. Hamlett asked about tribal college transferability.
- 12:02:10 Sen. Vinton asked Dr. Boham about the challenges about transferability with tribal colleges.
- 12:02:41 Comm. Boham
- 12:04:41 Mr. Trevor
- 12:05:49 Rep. Jones
- 12:08:00 Comm. Lozar
- 12:09:30 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Trevor about remedial classes for high school graduates and the costs.
- 12:10:39 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Trevor about math class requirements.
- 12:11:11 Rep. Jones asked Mr. Trevor about remedial classes.
- 12:12:27 Rep. Jones asked Mr. Trevor about co-requisite and pre-requisite classes.
- 12:13:44 Comm. Blossom asked Mr. Trevor about veteran students and classes.
- 12:15:17 Comm. Tuss asked Mr. Trevor about transferability with 2-year degrees changing to 4-year degrees.
- 12:17:11 Comm. Tuss asked Mr. Trevor about achieving both a associates and bachelor degree while following the curriculum.
- 12:17:36 Sen. Thomas asked Mr. Trevor about approval of credits.
- 12:20:09 Sen. MacDonald asked Mr. Trevor about career center programs.
- 12:21:31 Comm. Boham
- 12:25:49 Comm. Lozar asked Mr. Trevor about dual enrollment.
- 12:29:03 Rep. Jones spoke on dual enrollment.
- 12:34:15 Rep. Hamlett asked Mr. Trevor about board meetings.
- 12:34:35 Rep. Hamlett asked about remediation of math classes and the regulations.
- 12:36:22 Rep. Jones

LUNCH (reconvened at 1:25pm)

BACKGROUND II

Labor Market Projections

13:25:43 Barb Wagner, Chief Economist, Department of Labor and Industry (**Exhibit 12**) (**Exhibit 13**)

Commission Questions/discussion

- 13:57:58 Rep. Hamlett asked Ms. Wagner for a clarification about supply of nurses. (see exhibit 12).
- 14:01:30 Sen. Thomas
- 14:02:01 Sen. Brown asked Ms. Wagner about the statistics of job changes.
- 14:04:27 Rep. Hamlett asked Ms. Wagner about nurses overtime and employment demand.
- 14:07:13 Rep. Hamlett asked Ms. Wagner about nurse practitioners employment.

14:07:57 Commission discussion on nurses and traveling nurses.
14:10:31 Sen. MacDonald asked Ms. Wagner to expand on the workforce in the economy.

Presentation data from the Education Consumer Survey

14:13:20 Sara Shelton, Director of State Relations, Education Commission of the States
(**Exhibit 14**)
14:19:00 Damion Pechota, Policy Analyst Education Commission of the States
14:20:02 Tom Keily, Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States

Commission Questions

14:30:16 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Pechota asked about the graphs. (See exhibit 14)
14:30:58 Rep. Vinton asked a follow up about the graphs. (see exhibit 14)
14:31:28 Sen. Brown asked about the representation on the "thinkers and doers" meeting.
(see exhibit 14)
14:32:29 Rep. Hamlett asked the panel about the statistics of the respondents retired,
employed and unemployed in Montana.
14:33:13 Comm. Tuss asked the panel asked about the employer community.

WORK PLAN DISCUSSION

Review of work plan outline

14:34:34 Mr. McCracken (see exhibit 5)

Public comment

14:36:14 Candy Lubansky, Self
14:37:18 Lauren Vosejpkka, Dean of Helena College

How does the commission want to fulfill its duties under HB 754?

What research requests does the commission have?

Commission Questions/Discussion

14:38:25 Rep Jones asked to get more information on career and technical education and costs.
14:42:29 Sen. Thomas asked for more history on how we got here and look into the barriers.
14:46:32 Comm. Blossom asked for information on barriers, career and technical education, how students are recruited to schools and programs.
14:47:30 Rep. Vinton asked about information on getting high school counselors more involved and getting more information to give to students about post secondary education.
14:48:00 Comm. Tuss asked to get more information on 2-year programs and work more with OCHE.
14:49:38 Sen. MacDonald asked to get a panel on the K-12 side to bring up challenges and achievements that are happening.
14:50:53 Comm. Billion asked to get more information on the positives of gap years.
14:52:07 Rep. Hamlett asked to get more information on costs.
14:54:10 Rep. Vinton asked to have a panel of business owners to discuss what they are looking for and what they need.
14:55:00 Sen. Brown asked to get panels in at the next meeting.
14:55:52 Rep. Vinton brought up Comm. Mercer's topics he wants to see. (**Exhibit 15**)

14:56:30 Mr. McCracken (see exhibit 15)
14:58:24 Comm. Lozar asked to get more information on what is working with the 2-year programs and what the structure should be.
14:59:23 Commission discussion on the panels that should be invited to talk to the commission and also have written testimony.
15:00:15 Mr. McCracken (see exhibit 15)
15:02:43 Sen. MacDonald asked if there could be another meeting added. (see exhibit 5)
15:03:29 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. McCracken about scheduling.

WRAP-UP

Next meeting date and agenda items

15:05:01 Commission discussion on an additional meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

15:08:28 Rep. Vinton adjourned the meeting at 3:08 p.m

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