



CRIMINAL JUSTICE OVERSIGHT COUNCIL 68th Montana Legislature

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Amy Tenney
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Milly Allen - Research Analyst
Bethany McDowell - Secretary

MINUTES LOG

June 6, 2023
Capitol Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Barry Usher (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Laura Smith (D)
Councilmember Keegan Medrano
Councilmember Brian Gootkin
Councilmember Rachel Guernsey
Councilmember Melissa Kelly
Councilmember Jimmy Patelis
Councilmember Brett Schandelson (represented by Eldena Bear Don't Walk, OPD)
Councilmember Amy Tenney
Councilmember Charlie Brereton (represented by David Gerard, Deputy Director, DPHHS)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Councilmember Georgette Boggio
Councilmember Ross Canen
Councilmember Austin Knudsen

Councilmember Kurt Krueger
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Milly Allen, Research Analyst
Bethany McDowell, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

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

COMMITTEE ACTION

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

08:05:29 Presiding Officer Usher called the meeting to order at 8:05 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

OVERVIEW OF COUNCIL DUTIES

08:08:22 Milly Allen, Research Analyst
[EXHIBIT 1](#)

Council Discussion/Questions

08:12:14 Presiding Officer Usher

08:14:40 Councilmember Guernsey directed a question to Presiding Officer Usher.

08:16:05 Councilmember Medrano directed a question to Milly Allen.

Public Comment on Overview of Council Duties

08:17:49 None

08:18:00 Councilmember Krueger joined the meeting.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES

08:18:25 Milly Allen
[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Council Discussion/Questions

08:20:30 Councilmember Tenney

08:20:46 Presiding Officer Usher

08:21:38 Milly Allen

08:21:57 Presiding Officer Usher

08:22:50 Milly Allen

Public Comment on Council Meeting Dates

08:23:29 None

MOTION

08:23:46 Presiding officer Usher moved to put September 6 on the calendar as the next meeting date.

VOTE

08:23:50 Without objection so ordered.

08:26:00 Councilmember Twito joined the meeting.

COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES

09:24:11 Milly Allen
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

Council Questions/Discussion

09:31:02 Presiding Officer Usher

09:31:54 Milly Allen

09:32:43 Presiding Officer Usher
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09:33:53 Rep. Smith
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08:34:15 Presiding Officer Usher
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

08:35:49 Milly Allen

08:36:19 Presiding Officer Usher
[EXHIBIT 3](#)

08:38:00 Rep. Smith

08:38:48 Councilmember Guernsey

08:39:07 Presiding Officer Usher

08:39:40 Councilmember Twito

08:40:13 Presiding Officer Usher

08:41:16 Councilmember Twito

08:41:37 Rep. Smith

08:41:49 Presiding Officer Usher

08:42:02 Rep. Smith
08:42:28 Councilmember Twito
08:43:52 Councilmember Gootkin
08:44:24 Presiding Officer Usher
08:46:08 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
08:46:47 Presiding Officer Usher

Public Comment on Council Meeting Dates

08:47:21 None

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: MEMBER TOPICS & COUNCIL PRIORITIES

08:51:10 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
08:54:56 Presiding Officer Usher
08:55:16 Councilmember Tenney
08:56:51 Presiding Officer Usher

Council Questions/Discussion

09:17:33 Councilmember Gootkin
09:19:14 Presiding Officer Usher
09:19:31 Milly Allen
09:19:46 Presiding Officer Usher
09:21:32 Councilmember Twito
09:23:18 Presiding Officer Usher
09:23:35 Councilmember Twito
09:25:02 Rep. Smith
09:25:04 Presiding Officer Usher
09:25:33 Councilmember Twito
09:27:05 Councilmember Gootkin
09:28:21 Councilmember Twito
09:28:49 Milly Allen

09:29:14	Presiding Officer Usher
09:29:25	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis
09:30:17	Presiding Officer Usher
09:31:04	Councilmember Twito
09:31:30	Presiding Officer Usher
09:32:03	Natalie Bowser, Director, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)
09:32:37	Presiding Officer Usher
09:36:02	Milly Allen
09:36:25	Presiding Officer Usher
09:38:13	Director Bowser
09:38:20	Councilmember Twito
09:39:12	Presiding Officer Usher
09:39:41	Councilmember Guernsey
09:40:23	Presiding Officer Usher
09:41:00	Rep. Smith
09:41:42	Presiding Officer Usher
09:41:52	Rep. Regier
09:42:25	David Gerard, DPHHS
09:42:51	Eldena Bear Don't Walk, OPD
09:44:09	Presiding Officer Usher
09:44:34	Rep. Smith
09:45:12	Councilmember Tenney
09:45:47	Presiding Officer Usher
09:46:57	Councilmember Medrano
09:47:56	Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

RECESS

09:49:35 Reconvened at 10:12:22

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: MEMBER TOPICS & COUNCIL PRIORITIES Continued

10:12:33 Presiding Officer Usher

10:13:47 Milly Allen

10:14:32 Presiding Officer Usher

10:14:44 Milly Allen

10:17:45 Councilmember Gootkin

10:18:23 Presiding Officer Usher

10:19:40 Milly Allen

10:20:28 Rep. Smith

10:20:37 Presiding Officer Usher

10:21:33 Councilmember Guernsey

10:23:01 Milly Allen

10:24:55 Councilmember Medrano

10:25:22 Presiding Officer Usher

10:26:07 Councilmember Medrano

10:27:39 Rep. Regier

10:27:51 Councilmember Medrano

10:28:19 Rep. Smith

10:28:57 Presiding Officer Usher

10:31:44 Milly Allen

10:33:03 Presiding Officer Usher

10:33:40 Rep. Smith

10:33:57 Presiding Officer Usher

MOTION

10:34:32 Presiding Officer Usher moved to add 0.4 FTE to A, 0.05 FTE to B, 0.25 FTE to C, and 0.1 FTE to D.

VOTE

10:34:40 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

COUNCIL DISCUSSION: MEMBER TOPICS & COUNCIL PRIORITIES Continued

10:35:08 Councilmember Gootkin

10:35:23 Milly Allen

10:35:41 Councilmember Medrano

10:36:47 Presiding Officer Usher

10:37:27 Councilmember Tenney

Public Comment on Council Discussion: Member Topics & Council Priorities

10:38:29 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys' Association (MCAA) and Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

10:43:44 Erin McGowan, Executive Director, Montana Community Corrections Association (MCCA)

10:46:55 Thomas Jodoin, Deputy Director and General Counsel, Montana League for Cities and Towns (MLCT)

Council Questions/Discussion

10:50:57 Presiding Officer Usher directed a question to Councilmember Twito.

10:51:33 Presiding Officer Usher directed a question to Thomas Jodoin.

COUNCIL RULES AND PROCEDURES Continued

10:55:54 Presiding Officer Usher

10:57:27 Councilmember Twito

10:58:13 Councilmember Gootkin

10:58:23 Rep. Smith

10:58:41 Milly Allen

MOTION

10:59:37 Presiding Officer Usher moved to accept Milly's draft of Section 4D of the Operating Procedures of the CJOC, 2023-2024.

VOTE

10:59:48 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

11:00:05 Presiding Officer Usher

11:00:26 Rep. Smith

11:00:47 Milly Allen

MOTION

11:01:09 Presiding Officer Usher moved to accept Milly's draft of Section 3 of the Operating Procedures of the CJOC, 2023-2024.

11:01:12 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

RECESS

11:02:14 Reconvened at 12:51:29

12:51:36 Presiding Officer Usher

12:52:22 David Gerard

12:53:10 Eldena Bear Don't Walk

12:53:27 Rep. Regier

12:53:54 Presiding Officer Usher

12:55:18 Vice Presiding Officer Patelis

PRESENTATION: COUNSELING COMPACTS

12:56:43 Isabel Eliassen – Policy Analyst, Council of State Governments

Council Questions/Discussion

13:16:39 Councilmember Tenney

13:17:44 Councilmember Guernsey

13:22:11 Councilmember Tenney

13:24:02 Rep. Smith

13:25:12 Presiding Officer Usher

13:28:44 Councilmember Guernsey

Public Comment on Counseling Compacts Presentation

13:31:02 None

13:31:13 Presiding Officer Usher

Public Comment on any matter under the jurisdiction of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council that is not mentioned on this agenda

13:32:43 None

Council Questions/Discussion

13:32:58 Councilmember Twito

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

MOTION

13:33:28 Councilmember Twito moved to nominate Sen. Barry Usher for Chair of the CJOC.

VOTE

13:34:04 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION

13:34:32 Councilmember Gootkin moved to nominate Councilmember Jimmy Patelis for Vice Chair of the CJOC.

VOTE

13:35:06 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council Questions/Discussion

13:35:59 Councilmember Twito

13:36:45 Milly Allen

13:37:37 Presiding Officer Usher

ADJOURNMENT

13:39:03 Presiding Officer Regier adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.