



EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

68th Montana Legislature

SENATE MEMBERS

Daniel Emrich
John Fuller
Edith (Edie) McClafferty
Daniel Salomon

HOUSE MEMBERS

Linda Reksten
Melissa Romano
Kerri Seekins-Crowe
Sue Vinton

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Pad McCracken - Research Analyst
Daniel Rosenberg - Secretary
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MINUTES LOG

November 16, 2023
UC 329, University Center, UM – Missoula
Helena, Montana

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The committee met jointly with the Board of Public Education from 12 – 1 p.m. on November 16 in the Missoula County Public Schools Board Room. A recording of that joint meeting is available on the Board of Public Education website: <https://bpe.mt.gov/Home/Audio>

The committee met jointly with the Board of Regents of Higher Education from 10 – 11:30 a.m. on November 17 in the UC Ballroom of the University Center, UM- Missoula. A recording of that joint meeting is available on the Montana University System website: <https://mus.edu/board/meetings/Video/>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Sen. Daniel Salomon, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Linda Reksten (R)
Rep. Melissa Romano (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Sen. Daniel Emrich (R)
Rep. Kerri Seekins-Crowe (R)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Daniel Rosenberg, Secretary
Laura Sankey Keip, Attorney

AGENDA [\(Attachment 1\)](#)**VISITORS' LIST** [\(Attachment 2\)](#)
COMMITTEE ACTION**CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL**

14:03:38 Presiding Officer Daniel Salomon called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM. The committee secretary took roll.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

14:04:35 Laura Sankey Keip, Staff Attorney, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 1](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

14:06:32 Vice Presiding Officer McClafferty
14:09:01 Presiding Officer Salomon
14:09:46 Rep. Vinton
14:11:02 Rep. Reksten
14:12:00 Rep. Fuller
14:13:47 Laura Sankey Keip
14:14:18 Vice Presiding Officer McClafferty
14:17:08 Presiding Officer Salomon
14:17:35 Rep. Reksten
14:18:40 Laura Sankey Keip
14:19:44 Presiding Officer Salomon

SUMMER EBT PROGRAM UPDATE

14:20:25 Pad McCracken, Research Analyst, LSD
[EXHIBIT 2](#)
[EXHIBIT 3](#)
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

14:22:54 Presiding Officer Salomon
14:23:08 Rep. Romano

MONTANA DIGITAL ACADEMY (MDTA) UPDATE

14:23:34 Mike Agostinelli, Assistant Director, Montana Digital Academy (MTDA)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)
[EXHIBIT 7](#)
[EXHIBIT 8](#)

[EXHIBIT 9](#)
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[EXHIBIT 12](#)
[EXHIBIT 13](#)
[EXHIBIT 14](#)
[EXHIBIT 15](#)
[EXHIBIT 16](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

14:42:05 Presiding Officer Salomon
14:42:19 Rep. Vinton

HOUSE BILL 332 - SCHOOL DISTRICT HEALTH INSURANCE TRUST UPDATE

14:44:17 Pad McCracken
[EXHIBIT 17](#)

Committee Questions/ Discussion

14:46:23 Presiding Officer Salomon
14:46:41 Rep. Vinton
14:48:16 Vice Presiding Officer McClafferty

TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION

14:49:47 Pad McCracken
[EXHIBIT 18](#)
[EXHIBIT 19](#)

Panel Discussion with Educator Prep Program Leaders

14:51:52 Dan Lee, Dean, Phyllis J. Washington College of Education, University of Montana
14:57:49 Tricia Seifert, Dean, College of Education, Health and Human Development, Montana State
[EXHIBIT 20](#)
[EXHIBIT 21](#)
15:08:10 Anne Beste-Guldborg, Dean, College of Education, MSU - Billings

Committee Questions/ Discussion

15:12:25 Sen. Fuller
15:20:12 Sen. Fuller
15:24:01 Anne Beste-Guldborg
15:26:20 Rep. Reksten directed a question to Tricia Seifert.
15:31:49 Rep. Romano
15:32:50 Dan Lee
15:33:57 Tricia Seifert
15:35:06 Anne Beste-Guldborg
15:36:05 Rep. Vinton

15:37:08 Dan Lee
 15:37:46 Presiding Officer Salomon
 15:38:16 Dan Lee
 15:40:13 Anne Beste-Guldborg
 15:41:36 Tricia Seifert
 15:42:53 Presiding Officer Salomon
 15:43:04 Pad McCracken

Panel Discussion with In-Service Teaching Candidates

15:45:07 Dan Lee
 15:45:17 Anne Kiley, Director of Clinical Experiences, University of Montana
 15:46:02 Nathan Stone, Condon, MT
 15:47:32 Jordan Parker, Missoula, MT
 15:48:32 Georgina Kepferle, Missoula, MT
 15:49:32 Erik Armitage, Huson, MT
 15:50:25 Elizabeth Klemann, Missoula, MT

Committee Questions/ Discussion

15:51:13 Sen. Fuller
 15:51:34 Nathan Stone
 15:53:34 Jordan Parker
 15:54:58 Georgina Kepferle
 15:56:10 Erik Armitage
 15:58:07 Elizabeth Klemenn
 15:58:41 Rep. Romano
 15:59:41 Nathan Stone
 16:01:08 Jordan Parker
 16:02:58 Georgina Kepferle
 16:04:25 Erik Armitage
 16:06:20 Elizabeth Klemenn
 16:08:25 Rep. Vinton
 16:08:58 Nathan Stone
 16:10:04 Jordan Parker
 16:11:32 Georgina Kepferle
 16:12:42 Erik Armitage
 16:15:24 Elizabeth Klemenn
 16:16:33 Vice Presiding Officer McClafferty
 16:17:06 Presiding Officer Salomon
 16:18:56 Sen. Fuller

PUBLIC COMMENT

16:20:33 Jenny Murnane-Butcher, Deputy Director, Montanans Organized for Education

16:23:13 Ray Curtis

NEXT MEETING AGENDA

16:28:03 Pad McCracken

[EXHIBIT 22](#)

[EXHIBIT 23](#)

ADJOURNMENT

16:32:51 Presiding Officer Salomon adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m.