

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Forrest Mandeville, on January 6, 2017 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Forrest Mandeville, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Wendy McKamey, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)  
Rep. Geraldine Custer (R)  
Rep. John Fleming (D)  
Rep. Edward Greef (R)  
Rep. Denise Hayman (D)  
Rep. Jessica Karjala (D)  
Rep. Austin Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Walt Sales (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Derek Skees (R)  
Rep. Scott Staffanson (R)  
Rep. Kathy Swanson (D)  
Rep. Peggy Webb (R)  
Rep. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Garner

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Joanne Kauzlarich, Committee Secretary  
Sheri Scurr, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 83, 1/28/2016; HB 101, 1/28/2016; HB 102, 1/28/2016

**HEARING ON HB 83**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:38 Rep. Bryce Bennett (D), HD 91, opened the hearing on HB 83, Generally revise election laws

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a02\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:10:51 Bob Vogel, Montana School Board Association (MTSBA)

00:13:27 Mona Jamison, Big Sky Resort Area District (BSRAD)

00:16:43 Denise Williams, Montana Association of School Business Officials (MASBO)

00:17:38 Elena Evans, Montana Association of Conservation Districts (MACD)

00:18:18 Kelly Lynch, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

00:19:28 Dennis Parman, Montana Rural Education Association

00:20:39 Katy Westhoff, Montana Public Interest Research Group (MontPIRG)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:07 Rep. Bennett

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a03\)](#)

**HEARING ON HB 101**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:24:24 Rep. Wendy McKamey (R), HD 19, opened the hearing on HB 101, Generally revise MPERA public employee retirement systems.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:28:07 Dore Schwinden, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

00:29:37 Melanie Symons, Montana Public Employees Retirement Administration (MPERA)

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a05\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a06\)](#)

00:42:23 Chair Mandeville

00:42:42 Sheryl Wood, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

00:44:11 Rep. Garner- Joined the Meeting

00:45:37 Sheryl Wood, MACo

00:46:13 Tom Schneider, Montana Public Employees Association (MPEA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:14 Rep. A. Knudsen  
00:49:11 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:50:46 Rep. Staffanson  
00:51:12 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:52:17 Rep. Hayman  
00:52:47 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:53:21 Rep. Bennett  
00:53:53 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:55:00 Rep. Bennett  
00:55:25 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:56:30 Rep. Skees  
00:56:37 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:57:15 Rep. Staffanson  
00:57:55 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:58:14 Rep. Staffanson  
00:58:28 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
00:59:38 Rep. Custer  
01:00:26 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
01:01:04 Rep. Custer  
01:01:14 Chair Mandeville  
01:01:20 Jessie Luther, Association of Montana Troopers (AMT)  
01:03:04 Rep. Staffanson  
01:03:39 Melanie Symons, MPERA  
01:05:21 Rep. Staffanson  
01:05:26 Rep. Lenz  
01:05:49 Melanie Symons, MPERA

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:07:12 Rep. McKamey

**HEARING ON HB 102**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:08:25 Rep. Jessica Karjala (D), HD 48, opened the hearing on HB 102, Extend bond validating act.

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a07\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(sth05a08\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:12:36 Mark Bruno, Department of Administration (DOA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:14:57 Rep. Skees  
01:15:27 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:15:32 Rep. Skees  
01:15:48 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:16:27 Chair Mandeville  
01:17:01 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:17:31 Chair Mandeville  
01:17:43 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:18:08 Chair Mandeville  
01:18:32 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:19:07 Rep. Hayman  
01:19:32 Chair Mandeville  
01:19:42 Rep. Skees  
01:20:13 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:20:52 Chair Mandeville  
01:21:15 Mark Bruno, DOA  
01:21:27 Chair Mandeville

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:21:40 Rep. Karjala

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:23:12

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Joanne Kauzlarich, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT([sth05aad.pdf](#))**