

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPS SUBCOM ON JUDICIAL BRANCH, LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND JUSTICE

Call to Order: Chair Bill Mercer, on January 18, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 317A
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Bill Mercer, Chair (R)
Sen. David Howard, Vice Chair (R)
Rep. Emma Kerr-Carpenter (D)
Sen. Ryan Lynch (D)
Rep. Fiona Nave (R)
Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Cristen Friede, Committee Secretary
Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division
Jacquie Simmons, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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: Office of Public Defender

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09:05:33 Marci Lewandowski, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)
09:06:50 Rep. Patelis
09:07:14 Marci Lewandowski, LFD
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09:07:51 Chair Mercer
09:08:01 Marci Lewndowski, LFD
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09:08:17 Rhonda Linqvist, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
09:08:38 Travis Tilleman, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
09:08:59 Chair Mercer
09:15:18 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:16:26 Chair Mercer
09:17:43 Sen. Osmundson
09:17:59 Chair Mercer
09:18:32 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:19:15 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:19:49 Travis Tilleman, OPD
09:21:17 Sen. Osmundson
09:22:05 Sen. Lynch
09:23:33 Chair Mercer
09:25:18 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:26:46 Travis Tilleman, OPD
09:28:29 Chair Mercer
09:29:28 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:29:48 [EXHIBIT\(jch11a01\)](#)

09:33:10 Chair Mercer
09:35:21 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:35:33 Brian Smith, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
09:36:40 Chair Mercer
09:37:57 Brian Smith, OPD
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09:40:39 Sen. Lynch
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09:42:17 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
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09:43:52 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:51:45 Rep. Kerr-Carpenter
09:52:23 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
09:52:48 Emily Copeland, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
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09:57:24 Travis Tilleman, OPD
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10:07:29 Brett Shandelson, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
10:12:59 Rep. Nave
10:16:13 Travis Tilleman, OPD
10:16:56 Chair Mercer
10:17:17 Rhonda Linqvist
10:17:28 [EXHIBIT\(jch11a02\)](#)

10:19:05 Travis Tilleman, OPD
10:22:55 Chair Mercer
10:26:42 Brian Smith, OPD
10:28:18 Brett Shandelson, OPD
10:28:43 Sen. Lynch left the meeting
10:30:44 Chair Mercer
10:31:50 Rep. Patelis
10:32:24 Brett Shandelson, OPD
10:34:31 Brian Smith, OPD
10:36:02 Rep. Patelis
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10:40:12 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
10:40:37 Chair Mercer
10:44:31 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
10:44:58 Sen. Osmundson
10:47:48 Christine Hultin, Office of Budget and Program Planning, OBPP
10:48:02 Chair Mercer
10:49:13 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
10:49:53 [EXHIBIT\(jch11a03\)](#)

10:50:18 Chair Mercer
10:52:39 Brian Smith, OPD
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10:54:01 Sen. Lynch rejoins the meeting
10:54:12 Brian Smith, OPD
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10:55:45 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
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10:56:40 Chad Wright, Office of Public Defender (OPD)
10:58:47 Chair Mercer
10:59:22 Rhonda Linqvist, OPD
10:59:55 Tyna Wright, OPD
11:01:26 Chair Mercer
11:02:35 Brett Shandelson, OPD
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11:34:15 Laurie LittleDog, self
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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 11:47:12

Cristen Friede, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jch11aad.pdf](#))