

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

Call to Order: Chair David Bedey, on January 21, 2021 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 472
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. David Bedey, Chair (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)
Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Llew Jones (R)
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

Members Excused:

Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present:

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meetings Coordinator
Katie Guenther, 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:

Commissioner of Higher Education Hearing

08:32:20 Chair Bedey

COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION HEARING

08:32:32 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

08:32:44 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.

08:33:07 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh14a01\)](#)

08:38:11 Rep. Windy Boy

08:38:30 Tyler Trevor, OCHE

08:41:03 Brock Tessman, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh14a02\)](#)

08:48:07 Rep. Fuller

08:48:52 Brock Tessman, OCHE

08:50:27 Rep. Fuller

08:50:45 President Jane Karas, Flathead Valley Community College (FVCC)

08:51:38 Rep. Fuller

08:52:19 Tyler Trevor, OCHE

08:53:13 Rep. Windy Boy

08:57:39 Brock Tessman, OCHE

08:58:50 Rep. Windy Boy

08:59:45 Chair Bedey

08:59:54 Commissioner Christian, OCHE

09:00:47 Chair Bedey

Community College Assistance Program Overview:

09:02:01 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

See exhibit 1 in Jan 20, 2021 minutes

[EXHIBIT\(jeh14a03\)](#)

Commissioner of Higher Education Overview:

09:24:54 President Ron Slinger, Miles Community College (MCC)

09:32:40 Chair Bedey

09:32:55 President Scott Mickelsen, Dawson Community College (DCC)

09:43:10 President Karas, FVCC

Committee Questions and Responses:

09:55:15 Rep. Fuller

09:55:47 President Karas, FVCC

09:57:31 Sen. Bogner

09:58:14 President Slinger, MCC

Public Comment:

10:03:39 Aidan Myhre, Kalispell Chamber of Commerce

[EXHIBIT\(jeh14a04\)](#)

10:05:49 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)

[EXHIBIT\(jeh14a05\)](#)

10:07:03 Rep. Garner

10:09:38 Chair Bedey

10:10:08 Rep. Windy Boy

10:10:30 Chair Bedey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment:
10:11:08

Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([jeh14aad.pdf](#))