

## MINUTES

### MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON RULES

**Call to Order:** Chair Derek Skees, on March 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present:**

Rep. Derek Skees, Chair (R)  
Rep. Robert Farris-Olsen, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)  
Rep. Becky Beard (R)  
Rep. Seth Berglee (R)  
Rep. Laurie Bishop (D)  
Rep. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Rep. Steve Gunderson (R)  
Rep. Jim Hamilton (D)  
Rep. Derek J. Harvey (D)  
Rep. Rhonda Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Dennis R. Lenz (R)  
Rep. Jimmy Patelis (R)  
Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Katie Sullivan (D)  
Rep. Brad Tschida (R)  
Rep. Barry Usher (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. Matt Regier (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Todd Everts, Legislative Branch  
Brooke Sangray, Committee Secretary  
Taylor Tyson, 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:** Discussion on the Dress Code of the Montana State House of Representatives.

17:03:23 Chair Skees  
17:05:50 Rep. Abbott  
17:06:47 Chair Skees  
17:07:23 Rep. Noland  
17:10:05 Chair Skees  
17:10:18 Rep. Harvey  
17:10:41 Chair Skees  
17:14:28 Rep. Abbott  
17:14:39 Chair Skees  
17:15:07 Todd Everts, Legislative Service Division (LSD)  
17:15:50 Chair Skees

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[EXHIBIT\(ruh54a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ruh54a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(ruh54a04\)](#)

17:17:11 Rep. Abbott  
17:17:35 Chair Skees  
17:17:41 Rep. Usher  
17:18:50 Chair Skees  
17:19:11 Rep. Berglee  
17:19:36 Chair Skees  
17:22:33 Todd Everts, LSD  
17:22:58 Chair Skees  
17:23:27 Rep. Buttrey  
17:24:27 Rep. Bishop  
17:26:20 Chair Skees  
17:26:55 Rep. Usher  
17:27:31 Chair Skees  
17:28:44 Rep. Hamilton  
17:29:04 Chair Skees  
17:29:07 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway

17:29:52 **Motion:** Rep. Patelis moved that **THE BUSINESS FORMAL DRESS CODE IN LINES 1-8 OF THE PROPOSED HOUSE FLOOR DRESS CODE OF THE 64TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

17:30:31 Chair Skees  
17:30:59 Without objection, Rep. Patelis withdrew the **BE ADOPTED** motion.  
17:31:02 Chair Skees  
17:31:14 Rep. Abbott  
17:31:19 Chair Skees  
17:32:09 Rep. Abbott

17:32:27 **Motion:** Rep. Berglee moved to **DELIBERATE ON ADOPTING PART OR ALL OF LINES 1-8 OF THE PROPOSED HOUSE FLOOR DRESS CODE OF THE 64TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION.**

**Discussion:**

17:32:45 Chair Skees  
17:32:48 Rep. Usher  
17:33:20 Chair Skees  
17:33:30 Rep. Beard  
17:33:50 Chair Skees  
17:34:03 Rep. Abbott  
17:34:09 Rep. Berglee  
17:34:24 Chair Skees  
17:34:44 Rep. Bishop  
17:34:49 Rep. Berglee  
17:35:01 Chair Skees

17:35:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with Rep. Abbott, Rep. Bishop, Rep. Farris-Olsen, Rep. Hamilton, Rep. Harvey, Rep. Stewart Peregoy and Rep. Sullivan voting no.

17:36:01 Chair Skees  
17:36:44 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:37:52 Chair Skees  
17:37:55 Rep. Rhonda Knudsen  
17:39:12 Rep. Stewart Peregoy  
17:40:00 Chair Skees  
17:40:45 Rep. Usher  
17:41:04 Chair Skees  
17:41:09 Rep. Buttrey  
17:42:06 Chair Skees  
17:42:15 Rep. Gunderson  
17:42:37 Rep. Lenz  
17:43:24 Chair Skees  
17:45:24 Vice Chair Farris-Olsen  
17:45:52 Chair Skees  
17:46:09 Rep. Usher  
17:46:35 Chair Skees  
17:46:49 Rep. Sheldon-Galloway  
17:47:49 Chair Skees

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 17:48:11

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Brooke Sangray, Secretary

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**EXHIBIT**([ruh54aad.pdf](#))