

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: Chair Terry Gauthier, on January 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Terry Gauthier, Chair (R)
Sen. Ellie Boldman, Vice Chair (D)
Sen. John Esp, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)
Sen. Jason W. Ellsworth (R)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)
Sen. Christopher Pope (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary
Toni Henneman, Legislative Branch
Monte Cole, Remote Meeting Coordinator

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Committee Business Summary:

Informational Meeting

15:01:49 Chair Gauthier

Introduction of Committee Members and Staff:

15:02:57 Sen. Friedel
 15:04:14 Sen. Boland
 15:05:01 Sen. Morigeau
 15:05:34 Sen. Esp
 15:06:10 Sen. Boldman
 15:07:13 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 15:07:41 Chair Gauthier
 15:08:55 Sen. Pope
 15:10:37 Nadine Spencer, committee support supervisor
 15:11:25 Monte Cole, remote meeting coordinator
 15:11:42 Toni Henneman, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Committee Business - Rules:

15:12:59 Chair Gauthier

15:12:57 **Motion:** Sen. Esp moved to adopt the draft rules of procedure as presented with the exception of line II(a) under executive action inserting "a quorum is required for executive action."

Discussion:

15:13:54 Sen. Esp

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15:17:09 Sen. Fitzpatrick
 15:17:57 Chair Gauthier
 15:18:06 Ms. Henneman, LSD
 15:18:51 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:19:19 **Motion:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved to add "prerecorded" before "video" in B(6).

Discussion:

15:19:39 Sen. Esp
 15:19:55 Sen. Fitzpatrick withdrew his motion
 15:19:56 Sen. Esp
 15:20:22 Ms. Henneman

15:20:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

15:20:56 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Fitzpatrick moved to add "prerecorded" before "video" in B(6). Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

Discussion on Best Practices:

15:22:01 Chairman Gauthier
 15:22:18 Ms. Henneman
 15:24:26 Chairman Gauthier
 15:24:39 Sen. Fitzpatrick

15:25:09 Sen. Morigeau
 15:26:23 Chairman Gauthier
 15:26:31 Sen. Pope
 15:27:23 Chairman Gauthier
 15:27:31 Ms. Henneman
 15:28:14 Sen. Boland
 15:28:55 Chair Gauthier
 15:29:59 Ms. Henneman

15:30:05 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Esp moved **TO ADOPT THE COMMITTEE RULES AS AMENDED.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

15:30:15 Chair Gauthier
 15:31:43 Sen. Boland
 15:32:53 Chair Gauthier
 15:33:04 Sen. Esp
 15:33:16 Ms. Spencer
 15:33:36 Chair Gauthier

Introduction of Local Government Organizations:

15:33:54 Tim Burton, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)
 15:35:08 Jason Rittal, deputy director, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)
 15:37:02 Kelly Lynch, deputy director and legal counsel, MACo
 15:38:24 Tara DePuy, MACo
 15:39:21 Sam Sill, Montana Association of Realtors
 15:40:51 Darryl James, Montana Infrastructure Coalition
 15:42:17 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Building Industry Association
 15:43:50 John MacDonald, City of Missoula
 15:45:29 Dan Ellison, Jefferson County Governmental Affairs and for Rebecca Miers, Missoula County and Clerk and Recorders of Montana
 15:47:02 Greg Dorrington, Crowley Fleck Law Firm representing City of Billings

Review of Local Government Interim Committee Work:

15:49:23 Chair Gauthier
 15:49:27 Ms. Henneman, LSD

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15:51:51 Sen. Esp
 15:51:55 Chair Gauthier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 3:52 p.m.

Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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