

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Douglas (Doug) Kary, on January 6, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 335 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Douglas (Doug) Kary, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett, Vice Chair (D)  
Sen. Gordon Vance, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mike Cuffe (R)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Walt Sales (R)

**Members Present by Zoom Conference:**

Sen. Janet Ellis (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Ryan Osmundson (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Branch  
Taylor Tyson, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Jacelyn Sterling, Committee Secretary

**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:**

Committee introductions  
Overview and adoption of committee rules

**Committee Introductions:**

15:02:08 Chair Kary  
 15:02:18 Ginger Aldrich, Legislative Services Division, LSD  
 15:02:46 Chair Kary  
 15:02:52 Jacelyn Sterling, committee secretary  
 15:03:40 Chair Kary  
 15:03:47 Taylor Tyson, remote meeting coordinator  
 15:03:58 Chair Kary

**EXHIBIT(sts03a01)**

15:07:43 Sen. Ellis  
 15:09:07 Chair Kary  
 15:09:30 Sen. Bennett  
 15:09:56 Chair Kary  
 15:10:04 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:10:10 Chair Kary  
 15:10:17 Sen. Ellis  
 15:11:15 Ms. Aldrich, LSD  
 15:12:05 Chair Kary  
 15:13:44 Sen. Vance  
 15:14:06 Chair Kary  
 15:14:41 Sen. Bennett  
 15:15:14 Chair Kary  
 15:15:39 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:16:04 Sen. Vance  
 15:16:19 Chair Kary  
 15:16:24 Sen. Bennett  
 15:17:19 Chair Kary  
 15:17:27 Ms. Aldrich

**Overview and Adoption of Committee Rules:**

15:17:51 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved to accept proxy votes from absent members.  
 Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**Discussion:**

15:18:11 Chair Kary  
 15:18:27 Sen. Bennett  
 15:19:00 Chair Kary  
 15:19:26 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:19:45 Sen. Sales  
 15:20:20 Chair Kary  
 15:20:23 Sen. Bennett  
 15:20:58 Chair Kary  
 15:21:09 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:21:37 Chair Kary  
 15:21:57 Sen. Vance  
 15:22:19 Chair Kary  
 15:22:33 Sen. Vance

15:22:44 Chair Kary  
 15:23:28 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:24:04 Sen. Vance  
 15:24:33 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:24:52 Sen. Vance  
 15:25:09 Sen. Bennett  
 15:25:50 Sen. Sales  
 15:26:12 Chair Kary  
 15:26:20 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:26:58 Chair Kary  
 15:27:23 Sen. Vance  
 15:27:50 Sen. Bennett  
 15:27:57 Sen. Ellis  
 15:29:13 Chair Kary  
 15:30:08 Sen. Ellis  
 15:30:35 Chair Kary  
 15:30:55 Sen. Ellis  
 15:31:12 Chair Kary

15:32:03 **Motion:** Sen. Ellis moved to change the language in section I, line G.

**Discussion:**

15:32:12 Chair Kary  
 15:32:17 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:32:20 Chair Kary  
 15:32:24 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:32:50 Chair Kary

15:33:06 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

15:33:24 Chair. Kary  
 15:33:30 Ms. Aldrich

15:33:50 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved to add language in section I, E. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

15:35:15 **Motion:** Sen. Kary moved to insert a subsection on committee dress code in section I, General.

**Discussion:**

15:35:37 Sen. Bennett  
 15:35:43 Chair Kary  
 15:36:00 Sen. Bennett  
 15:36:30 Sen. Ellis  
 15:37:07 Chair Kary  
 15:37:16 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:37:47 Chair Kary  
 15:38:00 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:38:16 Chair Kary  
 15:38:19 Sen. Sales

- 15:39:17 Chair Kary  
 15:39:25 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:39:38 Chair Kary  
 15:39:53 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:40:08 Chair Kary
- 15:40:13 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
- 15:40:22 Chair Kary
- 15:40:48 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Ellis moved to insert language in section II, D. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.
- 15:41:45 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Bennett moved to insert language in section II, D. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**Discussion:**

- 15:42:26 Chair Kary  
 15:43:10 Sen. Bennett  
 15:43:50 Chair Kary  
 15:45:35 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:46:41 Sen. Ellis  
 15:46:52 Chair Kary  
 15:46:59 Ms. Aldrich
- 15:47:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Cuffe moved to **ADOPT THE RULES OF PROCEDURE AS AMENDED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**Committee Business:**

- 15:47:30 Chair Kary  
 15:47:48 Sen. Ellis  
 15:48:11 Chair Kary  
 15:51:21 Sen. Vance  
 15:51:37 Sen. Cuffe  
 15:52:14 Chair Kary  
 15:53:07 Ms. Sterling  
 15:54:12 Chair Kary  
 15:54:28 Sen. Ellis  
 15:55:18 Ms. Sterling  
 15:56:29 Sen. Ellis  
 15:56:54 Chair Kary  
 15:57:22 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:58:16 Chair Kary  
 15:58:34 Sen. Ellis  
 15:59:02 Chair Kary  
 15:59:07 Sen. Vance  
 15:59:19 Chair Kary  
 15:59:47 Ms. Aldrich  
 15:59:59 Chair Kary

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00PM

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Jacelyn Sterling, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([sts03aad.pdf](#))