

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on January 28, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Sen. Jeffrey W. Welborn, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Bryce Bennett (D)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)  
Sen. Mike Fox (D)  
Sen. Chris Friedel (R)  
Sen. Carl Glimm (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)

**Members Present via Zoom Video Conference:**

Sen. Carlie Boland, Vice Chair (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Diane Sands (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Karli Kusler, Remote Meeting Coordinator  
Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch  
Gwyn Schooler, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 9, 1/22/2021; SR 10, 1/22/2021  
Executive Action: SR 9; SR 10

10:17:26 Sen. Vance gave the duties of the chair to Sen. Welborn.

**HEARING ON SR 9**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:03:35 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SR9, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Transportation Commission.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:04:21 Scott Aspenlieder, Governor appointee

**[EXHIBIT\(his19a01\)](#)**

15:04:52 Loran Frazier, Governor appointee

**[EXHIBIT\(his19a02\)](#)**

15:05:27 Shane Sanders, Governor appointee

**[EXHIBIT\(his19a03\)](#)**

15:06:22 Malcolm Long, director, Department of Transportation

15:07:29 Dave Galt, citizen

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:09:10 Sen. Bennett

15:09:42 Mr. Frazier, appointee

15:10:40 Mr. Aspenlieder, appointee

15:11:40 Mr. Sanders, appointee

15:12:42 Sen. Gross

15:13:40 Mr. Aspenlieder

15:15:59 Sen. Boland

15:16:35 Mr. Frazier

15:17:09 Sen. Boland

15:17:39 Mr. Frazier

15:19:06 Sen. Bennett

15:19:34 Mr. Sanders

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:21:17 Sen. Vance

**HEARING ON SR 10**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:21:45 Sen. Gordon Vance (R), SD 34, opened the hearing on SR10, Confirm Governor's appointees to the Board of Aeronautics.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:23:05 William Lepper, Governor appointee

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a04)

15:23:34 Wade Cebulski, Governor appointee

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a05)

15:24:41 Greg Smith, Governor appointee

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a06)

15:25:04 Tim Robertson, Governor appointee

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a07)

15:25:46 Tim Sheehy, Governor appointee

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a08)

15:26:09 Robert Bergeson, Governor appointee

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a09)

15:26:54 Malcolm Long, Department of Transportation

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:27:51 Sen. Manzella

15:28:13 Liane Taylor, Board and Appointments director, Governor's Office

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:28:54 Sen. Vance

10:22:41 Sen. Vance resumed the duties of the chair.

15:29:41 Recess

15:36:27 Reconvene

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 9**

15:36:35 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 9 BE ADOPTED.**

15:36:46 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 9 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT](#)(his19a10)

**Discussion:**

15:37:09 Sen. Welborn

15:37:23 Laura Sankey-Keip, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

15:37:35 Sen. Welborn

15:37:56 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

15:38:03 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 9 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

15:38:12 Sen. Friedel

15:38:30 Chair Vance

15:38:37 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 10**

15:39:10 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 10 BE ADOPTED.**

**Discussion:**

15:39:23 Chair Vance

15:39:31 Sen. Boland

15:39:34 Chair Vance

15:39:46 **Motion:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 10 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(his19a11)**

**Discussion:**

15:39:54 Ms. Sankey-Keip, LSD

15:40:15 Chair Vance

15:40:38 Sen. Welborn

15:41:00 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

15:41:23 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Welborn moved that **SR 10 BE ADOPTED AS AMENDED.**  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Sands voted by proxy.

15:42:18 Chair Vance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:43 PM

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Gwyn Schooler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his19aad.pdf](#))