

## MINUTES

### MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

#### COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

**Call to Order:** Chair Daniel R. Salomon, on February 17, 2021 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### ROLL CALL

**Members Present in the Committee Room:**

Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Chair (R)  
Sen. Russel (Russ) Tempel, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)  
Sen. Theresa Manzella (R)  
Sen. Shannon O'Brien (D)  
Sen. Keith Regier (R)  
Sen. Mark Sweeney (D)

**Members Present by Video Zoom Conference:**

Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Susan Webber (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Charlene Devine, Committee Secretary  
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch  
Lindsey Bales, 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:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 73, 2/12/2021; SR 42, 2/12/2021; SR 43, 2/12/2021; SR 44, 2/12/2021

Executive Action: SR 73, Be Adopted; SR 42, Be Adopted; SR 43, Not Be Adopted As Amended; SR 44, Be Adopted

**HEARING ON SR 42**

15:04:11 Sen. Tempel assumed the role of the Chair.

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:04:18 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR42, Confirm Governor appointees to Board of Regents of Higher Education.

**EXHIBIT(eds33a01)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:05:08 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
15:08:02 Amy Sexton, Governor's appointee  
15:09:36 Todd Buchanan, Governor's appointee  
15:11:34 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Education

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:13:08 Sen. McClafferty  
15:13:50 Mr. Buchanan, appointee  
15:15:36 Sen. O'Brien  
15:19:45 Ms. Sexton, appointee  
15:21:14 Sen. O'Brien  
15:21:46 Mr. Buchanan  
15:24:29 Chair Tempel  
15:24:54 Mr. Buchanan  
15:26:56 Chair Tempel  
15:27:10 Ms. Sexton  
15:29:30 Sen. Sweeney  
15:30:16 Mr. Buchanan

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:33:21 Sen. Salomon

**HEARING ON SR 73**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:34:03 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR73, Confirm Governor's appointee to the Board of Regents.

**EXHIBIT(eds33a02)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:34:23 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras  
15:34:59 Sen. Regier entered the hearing.  
15:35:52 Loren Bough, Governor's appointee

15:36:47 Sen. Hertz entered the hearing.

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

15:38:38 Sen. O'Brien  
15:39:39 Mr. Bough, appointee  
15:41:28 Sen. McClafferty  
15:42:05 Mr. Bough

**Closing by Sponsor:**

15:44:20 Sen. Salomon

### **HEARING ON SR 43**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

15:45:13 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR43, Confirm Governor appointees to Board of Public Education.

**[EXHIBIT\(eds33a03\)](#)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

15:46:22 Jeremiah Lynch, Governor's appointee  
15:52:32 Nicole Flynn, Board of Public Education  
15:56:21 Darlene Schottle, Board of Public Education

15:56:45 Sen. Hertz left the hearing.

15:59:42 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees

16:01:59 Kirk Miller, School Administrator of Montana

**[EXHIBIT\(eds33a04\)](#)**

16:07:35 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**[EXHIBIT\(eds33a05\)](#)**

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:09:59 Sen. Salomon

**HEARING ON SR 44**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

16:10:36 Sen. Daniel Salomon (R), SD 47, opened the hearing on SR44, Confirm Governor appointee to Board of Public Education.

**EXHIBIT(eds33a06)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

16:11:00 Lieutenant Governor Kristen Juras

**EXHIBIT(eds33a07)**

16:12:56 Susie Hedalen, Governor's appointee

16:16:37 Elsie Arntzen, superintendent, Office of Public Instruction

16:19:49 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana

**EXHIBIT(eds33a08)**

16:21:49 Darlene Schottle, Board of Public Education

16:24:28 Dianne Burke, Montana Quality Education Coalition

**EXHIBIT(eds33a09)**

16:26:08 Amanda Curtis, Montana Federation of Public Employees

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

16:27:51 Nicole Flynn, Board of Public Education

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

16:28:49 Sen. O'Brien

16:29:05 Ms. Hedalen, appointee

16:29:43 Sen. McClafferty

16:30:10 Ms. Hedalen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

16:32:51 Sen. Salomon

16:33:05 Sen. Salomon resumed the role of the Chair.

16:34:37 Sen. McClafferty

16:34:50 Pad McCracken, Legislature Services Division

16:35:31 Chair Salomon

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 42**

16:35:42 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 42 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 73**

16:37:11 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 73 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 43**

16:37:47 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 43 BE NOT ADOPTED**

16:38:12 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 43 BE AMENDED**.

[EXHIBIT\(eds33a10\)](#)

**Discussion:**

16:38:34 Sen. Bogner

16:38:59 **Vote:** Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. O'Brien voting no. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

16:39:40 **Motion:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 43 BE NOT ADOPTED AS AMENDED**.

**Discussion:**

16:40:13 Sen. McClafferty

16:41:02 **Vote:** Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. McClafferty, Sen. O'Brien, Sen. Sweeney and Sen. Webber voting no. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 44**

16:42:03 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Tempel moved that **SR 44 BE ADOPTED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Hertz and Sen. Webber voted by proxy.

16:42:39 Chair Salomon

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:43 P.M.

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Charlene Devine, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([eds33aad.pdf](#))