

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Call to Order: Chairman Greg Hertz, on April 19, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., in Room 303 Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present in the Committee Room:

Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

Members Present by Zoom Video Conference:

Sen. Greg Hertz (R), Chair
Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch
Nadine Spencer, 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 of the subpoena and questions for Beth McLaughlin, Supreme Court administrator

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Administrator:

09:00:57 Chair Hertz

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09:02:15 Rep. Vinton

09:02:23 Chair Hertz

09:02:46 Rep. Abbott

Topic 1 - Public Records Retention and Public Right to Know:

09:03:08 Chair Hertz

09:07:12 Rep. Vinton

Topic 2 - Judicial Bias and Conflict of Interest:

09:07:21 Chair Hertz

09:11:14 Rep. Vinton

09:11:30 Sen. Sands

09:12:13 Rep. Hertz

Topic 3 - The Judicial Branch's Repeated Pattern of Failure to Respect the Public's Right to Know and to Access Their Government:

09:12:22 Chair Hertz

09:15:44 Rep. Abbott

09:15:48 Chair Hertz

09:16:12 Rep. Abbott

09:17:58 Chair Hertz

09:18:08 Sen. Sands

09:19:26 Chair Hertz

09:20:04 Rep. Vinton

09:20:42 Chair Hertz

ADJOURNMENT

Recess: 9:20 A.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

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