

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Call to Order: Sen. Greg Hertz, on April 19, 2021 at 3:00 P.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
Julianne Burkhardt, Legislative Branch
Taylor Tyson, Remote Meeting Coordinator
Nadine Spencer, 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:

Discussion with and questions for Supreme Court Justice Sandefur, Rice, Baker, Gustafson, McKinnon, Shea and Chief Justice Mike McGrath

Reconvene

15:04:09 Chair Hertz

15:06:16 Recess

15:07:38 Reconvene

Response from Supreme Court Justice Dirk Sandefur to Subpoena Request:

15:07:38 Chair Hertz

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15:08:18 Justice Dirk Sandefur

Supreme Court Justice Jim Rice

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15:09:18 Justice Jim Rice

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15:10:00 Mr. Rice

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Committee questions: None

Supreme Court Justice Beth Baker

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Committee questions:

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Supreme Court Justice Ingrid Gustafson

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Chief Supreme Court Justice Mike McGrath

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ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:04 P.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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