

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

SELECT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Call to Order: SEN. Greg Hertz, on May 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., by Zoom Video Conference

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Kim Abbott (D)
Sen. Greg Hertz (R)
Sen. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. Amy Regier (R)
Sen. Diane Sands (D)
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)

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:

Reviewed the initial draft report on Judicial Accountability and Transparency.

Reviewed the minority report on Judicial Transparency and Accountability.

Executive Action:

Voted to delay approval of any and all reports.

Appointed Rep. Abbott as the minority vice chair of the committee.

09:02:34 Chair Hertz

REVIEW INITIAL DRAFT REPORT ON JUDICIAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND FINALIZE

09:03:20 Chair Hertz

[EXHIBIT\(sjs86a01\)](#)

Committee Discussion: None

REVIEW MINORITY REPORT ON JUDICIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

09:04:34 Chair Hertz

09:04:53 Sen. Sands

[EXHIBIT\(sjs86a02\)](#)

09:05:58 Chair Hertz

09:06:18 Sen. Vinton

09:08:30 **Motion:** Sen. Sands moved to delay approval of any and all reports.

Discussion:

09:08:58 Sen. McGillvray

09:11:08 Rep. Abbott

09:12:18 Rep. Vinton

09:13:23 Chair Hertz

09:14:46 Sen. Sands

09:15:40 Chair Hertz

09:17:03 Sen. Sands

09:18:16 Chair Hertz

09:18:52 Rep. Regier

09:19:55 Rep. Abbott

09:20:18 Chair Hertz

Public Comment: None

09:20:48 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

DISCUSSION OF LETTER FROM CHIEF JUSTICE MCGRATH

09:21:43 Chair Hertz

[EXHIBIT\(sjs86a03\)](#)

09:26:06 Rep. Vinton

09:27:27 Chair Hertz

09:27:58 Rep. Abbott

09:28:28 Chair Hertz

09:29:07 Rep. Vinton

09:30:15 Chair Hertz

09:30:25 Sen. McGillvray

09:32:23 Chair Hertz

09:33:03 Sen. Sands

09:34:29 Chair Hertz

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

09:35:43 Chair Hertz

09:37:21 Without objection Chair Hertz appointed Rep. Abbott as minority vice chair.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 9:37 A.M.

Nadine Spencer, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([sjs86aad.pdf](#))