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67th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

August 18, 2020

9:00 AM

Video Conference Call

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ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Sue Vinton, Chair (R)
Sen. Edith (Edie) McClafferty, Vice Chair (D)
Rep. Jacob Bachmeier (D)
Joe Billion, Commission Member
Dr. Sandra Boham, Commission Member
Taylor Blossom, Commission Member
Sen. Dee Brown (R)

Rep. John Fuller (R)
Rep. Bradley Hamlett (D)
Casey Lozar, Commission Member
Sen. Margaret (Margie) MacDonald (D)
Madalyn Quinlan, Commission Member
Paul Tuss, Commission Member

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Llew Jones (R)
John Mercer, Commission Member
Sen. Fred Thomas (R)

STAFF PRESENT:

Pad McCracken, Research Analyst
Laura Sankey, Attorney
Veronica Torgerson, Secretary

COMMISSION BUSINESS SUMMARY

Commissioners provided direction to staff in revising the commission's final report.

OCHE UPDATES ON FALL 2020 AND QUESTIONS FROM COMMISSIONERS

09:05:12 Brock Tessman, Deputy Commissioner, OCHE, started his presentation.

Commission Questions

09:17:11 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Tessman about COVID-19 testing money.
09:18:51 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Tessman about contract tracing.
09:20:12 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Tessman about Greek Life on campus.
09:22:36 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Tessman about COVID relief funds and creations of new programs.
09:24:55 Rep. Vinton asked Mr. Tessman a follow up about allocations of the COVID relief funds.
09:26:03 Rep. Bachmeier asked Mr. Tessman about accommodations made for students on campus during COVID-19.
09:30:47 Rep. Hamlett asked Mr. Tessman about assigned seating in classrooms this semester.
09:32:54 Rep. Hamlett asked Mr. Tessman a follow-up about assigned seating.
09:34:04 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. Tessman about monitoring and testing strategies.
09:36:39 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. Tessman about the campus health clinic testing.
09:38:23 Comm. Lozar asked Mr. Tessman about strategies for reopening campuses.
09:41:40 Rep. Hamlett asked Mr. Tessman about time frame between testing and results.
09:43:14 Rep. Hamlett asked Mr. Tessman about antibody testing on campuses.
09:46:57 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Trevor about enrollment numbers.
09:48:44 Sen. Brown asked Mr. Trevor about staffing and money during the enrollment decrease.

PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO COMMISSION WORK AND DRAFT FINAL REPORT

- 09:52:05 Tyler Trevor, Deputy Commissioner, OCHE commented on the draft final report.
09:55:25 Mr. Tessman commented on the draft final report.

COMMISSION WORK SESSION; DISCUSSION/REVISION OF DRAFT FINAL REPORT; DIRECTION TO STAFF

- 09:59:10 Pad McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD), Research Analyst, introduced the draft report (**Exhibit 1**).

Commission Questions/ Commission Discussion

- 10:02:52 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. McCracken about wording in the draft report.
10:05:50 Mr. Tessman further explained the programs and wording in the draft report.
10:07:46 Comm. Quinlan asked Mr. Tessman for clarification on the answer to her question.
10:10:26 Rep. Vinton introduced the first finding.
10:11:12 Sen. Brown discussed linking discussion topics and presenters to the MUS 2-Year Commission website.
10:12:53 Comm. Quinlan discussed the recommendations and asked about the restructure of the funding model.
10:16:09 Sen. McClafferty discussed having a letter of support before sending this to congress.
10:16:48 Comm. Boham discussed workforce training.
10:20:21 Comm. Lozar discussed access to financial aid and workforce training.
10:21:23 Mr. McCracken clarified the findings and changing the wording in the final document.
10:23:30 Rep. Vinton introduced finding number 2.
10:24:43 Sen. Brown discussed funds and grant programs.
10:25:22 Sen. MacDonald discussed leaving it open ended.
10:26:30 Comm. Tuss agreed with Sen. MacDonald.
10:27:02 Sen. Brown discussed mentioning where the funds are allocated from.
10:28:28 Rep. Hamlett discussed keeping it open ended.
10:30:01 Comm. Lozar discussed expanding partnerships and ways to invest.
10:32:15 Rep. Vinton introduced finding number 3.
10:33:02 Comm. Lozar discussed workforce needs.
10:36:13 Sen. Brown discussed education aligning with workforce needs.
10:36:41 Comm. Quinlan agreed with the statements made.
10:37:06 Rep. Vinton introduced finding number 4.
10:37:29 Rep. Hamlett discussed finding number 3 and the needs of society.
10:39:01 Comm. Tuss discussed section 4a and 4e (see exhibit 1).

10:40:38 Mr. McCracken asked Comm. Tuss for clarification on the wording of the word 'pay' in section 4e.

10:41:55 Rep. Vinton introduced finding number 5.

10:42:19 Rep. Hamlett discussed advertisement for all education in Montana.

10:44:02 Comm. Boham discussed advertisement and marketing for education through the portal.

10:45:55 Rep. Hamlett further discussed Comm. Boham comment on advertisement to all people in society.

10:46:33 Sen. Brown discussed marketing and making that a separate topic.

10:47:31 Comm. Quinlan discussed finding 5b and the programs.

10:48:16 Comm. Quinlan discussed finding 5a.

10:49:46 Dr. Boham discussed finding 5a and getting rid of it.

10:50:42 Sen. Brown discussed eliminating i, ii, and iii.

10:51:37 Comm. Quinlan agreed with Sen. Brown's changes.

10:52:13 Comm. Boham agreed with the changes.

10:53:06 Rep. Fuller discussed removing 5a altogether.

10:54:13 Comm. Quinlan agreed with Rep. Fuller.

10:54:35 Rep. Vinton introduced recommendation number 6.

10:54:56 Mr. McCracken clarified where the portal would be discussed in the findings.

10:56:27 Comm. Tuss discussed eliminating recommendation number 6.

10:57:21 Rep. Bachmeier agreed with Comm. Tuss.

10:57:45 Sen. Brown discussed keeping parts of the recommendation.

10:58:28 Sen. MacDonald discussed changing recommendation number 6.

11:00:01 Comm. Lozar discussed program creation and the expanding aspect.

11:01:43 Comm. Blossom agreed with Comm. Lozar.

11:02:22 Sen. Brown discussed eliminating number 6 but taking section b and put in in recommendation number 3.

11:03:07 Mr. McCracken explained the findings and the recommendations.

11:04:40 Rep. Bachmeier asked OCHE weighing in on finding number 6.

11:05:06 Mr. Trevor discussed finding number 6.

11:06:43 Rep. Bachmeier wanted to go on the record to oppose recommendation 6b.

11:07:18 Mr. Tessman discussed finding number 6.

11:09:28 Rep. Hamlett discussed the roles of the commission.

11:11:05 Rep. Fuller discussed getting rid of recommendation 6.

11:12:08 Comm. Quinlan agreed with Rep. Fuller.

11:12:42 Rep. Vinton discussed finding number 7.

11:13:02 Sen. Brown discussed changing the wording in finding number 7 in a positive way to what the commission wants.

11:14:17 Rep. Fuller agreed with Sen. Brown's comments.

11:16:23 Rep. Hamlett discussed adding long term investments in finding number 7.

11:17:11 Sen. MacDonald discussed adding recognizing the long-term investments.

WRAP-UP/ NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS

- 11:18:55 Sen. Brown discussed the sufficiency of Mr. McCracken's document.
11:19:54 Mr. McCracken discussed the next meeting.
11:20:50 Rep. Vinton discussed having a discussion on the next meeting about a bill draft.

ADJOURNMENT

- 11:22:24 With no further business before the commission, Rep. Vinton adjourned the meetings at 11:22 am.