



LAW AND JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE

69th Montana Legislature

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MINUTES LOG

September 10, 2025
Capitol Room 137 & Zoom
Helena, Montana

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rep. Amy Regier, Presiding Officer (R)
Rep. Zooley Zephyr, Vice Presiding Officer (D)
Sen. Vince Ricci (R)
Rep. Ed Stafman (D)
Sen. Barry Usher (R)
Sen. Sue Vinton (R)

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Rep. Steven Kelly (R)
Rep. Braxton Mitchell (R)
Sen. Shane Morigeau (D)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

STAFF PRESENT:

Laura Sherley, Lead Staff
Julianne Burkhardt, Legal Staff
Abbie J.N. Cziok, Legal Staff
Ania Alduenda, Secretary

AGENDA ([Attachment 1](#))

VISITORS' LIST ([Attachment 2](#))

***CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

08:02:02 Presiding Officer Amy Regier called the meeting to order at 8:02 AM. The committee secretary took roll.

*Due to an MPAN outage, the video recording failed to capture the first minute of the meeting. The roll call taken at that time is reflected in the list at the beginning of this document.

MEETING OVERVIEW

Introduction of New Staff

08:02:03 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

08:02:14 Abbie J.N. Cziok, Legal Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

Review Work Plan

08:02:58 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

08:03:07 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, LSD

[EXHIBIT 1](#)

[EXHIBIT 2](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

08:04:59 Sen. Sue Vinton

08:05:05 Laura Sherley, LSD

AGENCY OVERSIGHT

Introduction and Overview of the Public Safety Officer Standards and Training (POST) Council

08:05:22 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

08:05:34 Timothy Allred, Executive Director, Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)

[EXHIBIT 3](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

08:15:46 Rep. Ed Stafman
(See Exhibit 3)

08:16:25 Dir. Timothy Allred, POST

08:20:34 Sen. Sue Vinton

08:20:49 Dir. Timothy Allred

08:21:34 Rep. Steven Kelly

08:22:04 Dir. Timothy Allred

08:24:42 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

Public Comment

08:25:18 May Simmons, Lake County

08:27:46 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
*Due to an MPAN outage, the full public comment was not recorded. Attached is the written comment as a supplement. [\(Attachment 3\)](#)

08:28:16 **Recessed**

08:31:35 **Reconvened**

08:31:41 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

08:32:21 **Recessed**

08:40:20 **Reconvened**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 32 – ADVANCED INVESTIGATOR QUALIFICATIONS

08:40:21 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

08:41:11 Timothy Allred, Executive Director, Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)
(See Exhibit 3)

08:49:09 Joel Wendland, Executive Director, Montana Law Enforcement Academy (MLEA)

08:51:39 Sgt. Bill Pandis, Criminal Investigation Division, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office

08:53:39 Lee Johnson, Administrator, Division of Criminal Investigation, Department of Justice (DOJ)
[EXHIBIT 4](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

09:01:01 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

09:01:14 Lee Johnson, DOJ

09:01:56 Sen. Vince Ricci

09:02:09 Lee Johnson

09:02:54 Sen. Barry Usher

09:03:10 Lee Johnson

09:04:02 Sen. Barry Usher

09:04:18 Sgt. Bill Pandis, Lewis and Clark County Sheriff's Office

09:07:24 Sen. Shane Morigeau joined the meeting via zoom.

09:08:49 Sen. Barry Usher

09:09:14 Lee Johnson

09:11:14 Sen. Barry Usher

09:11:33 Dir. Timothy Allred, POST

09:16:14 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:16:35 Lee Johnson

09:19:45 Rep. Ed Stafman

09:20:03 Dir. Joel Wendland, MLEA

09:21:52 Sgt. Bill Pandis

09:24:21 Dir. Timothy Allred
09:25:37 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr
09:25:57 Dir. Timothy Allred
(See Exhibit 3)
09:32:24 Sgt. Bill Pandis
09:35:09 Sen. Sue Vinton
09:35:41 Lee Johnson
09:36:37 Rep. Steven Kelly
09:37:02 Dir. Timothy Allred
09:37:10 Lee Johnson

Public Comment

09:44:20 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
09:50:42 May Simmons, Lake County
09:54:44 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

MEMBER TOPIC: REFERENCE CHECKS FOR POLICE OFFICERS – OTHER STATES' RESPONSES

09:55:19 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 5](#)
[EXHIBIT 6](#)
[EXHIBIT 7](#)
[EXHIBIT 8](#)
[EXHIBIT 9](#)

Committee Comment

10:03:25 Rep. Steven Kelly

Public Comment

10:04:29 Timothy Allred, Executive Director, Public Safety Officer Standards and Training Council (POST)
(See Exhibit 7)

Committee Discussion / Questions

10:08:07 Sen. Barry Usher
10:08:18 Dir. Timothy Allred, POST
10:09:39 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:10:06 Dir. Timothy Allred
10:10:16 Laura Sherley, LSD
10:10:35 Rep. Steven Kelly
10:10:53 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:11:02 Rep. Ed Stafman

10:11:14 **Recessed**
10:32:02 **Reconvened**

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DATA WAREHOUSE IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Panel Introduction and Updates

10:32:03 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
10:32:20 Sen. Barry Usher
10:32:34 Kayla Bragg, Executive Director, Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC)
10:36:09 Janice Fries, Statistical Analysis Center Director, MBCC
10:36:58 Adam Carpenter, Chief Data Officer, Department of Administration (DOA)
[EXHIBIT 10](#)

Committee and Panel Discussion / Questions

10:49:01 Rep. Steven Kelly
10:49:28 Adam Carpenter, DOA
10:51:41 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr
10:52:12 Adam Carpenter
10:56:01 Rep. Ed Stafman
10:56:30 Adam Carpenter
10:59:02 Sen. Barry Usher
10:59:44 Julianne Burkhardt, Legal Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:01:02 Sen. Barry Usher
11:01:54 Adam Carpenter
11:06:57 Sen. Barry Usher
11:07:17 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
11:07:24 Dir. Kayla Bragg, MBCC
11:09:09 Adam Carpenter

Public Comment

11:09:36 May Simmons, Lake County

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23 – YOUTH COURT ACT

11:14:32 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
11:15:21 Tom Billteen, Youth Court Services Bureau Chief, Court Administrators Office
11:16:12 Kelly Elder, Juvenile Court Assessment and Tracking System (JCATS) System
Data Analyst, Court Administrators Office
11:18:33 Sen. Barry Usher
11:18:43 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
11:18:54 Tom Billteen, Court Administrators Office
[EXHIBIT 11](#)
[EXHIBIT 12](#)
[EXHIBIT 13](#)

11:24:53 **Recessed due to an MPAN outage.**
11:31:26 **Reconvened**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 23 – YOUTH COURT ACT - Continued

11:31:27 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

11:31:37 Tom Billteen
(See Exhibit 11)
[EXHIBIT 14](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

11:46:04 Rep. Steven Kelly
(See Exhibit 11)

11:46:32 Tom Billteen

11:47:26 Sen. Barry Usher

11:47:38 Tom Billteen
[EXHIBIT 15](#)
[EXHIBIT 16](#)
[EXHIBIT 17](#)

11:50:27 Kelly Elder, Court Administrators Office

11:58:09 Rep. Ed Stafman
(See Exhibits 14, 16, 17)

11:58:41 Tom Billteen

Public Comment

12:07:17 May Simmons, Lake County

12:11:04 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

12:11:30 **Recessed**

13:15:28 **Reconvened**

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56 - SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR) FUNDING

Panel and Committee Discussion

13:15:29 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

13:15:54 Jake Ganieany, Bureau Chief, Disaster and Emergency Services, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

13:19:00 Capt. Matt Boxmeyer, Chair, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association
SAR Subcommittee & SAR Commander, Gallatin County

13:23:24 Ty Williams, Chief Deputy & SAR Commander, Stillwater Sheriff's Office

13:32:28 Sen. Sue Vinton

13:34:30 Brad Belke, 15-90 SAR Commander, Butte-Silver Bow

13:43:54 Justin Kambic, Criminal Investigator, Division of Criminal Investigation Major Case Bureau, Department of Justice (DOJ) & Former Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons Task Force Coordinator

13:50:26 Sen. Barry Usher

13:50:44 Brad Belke, Butte-Silver Bow

13:51:06 Capt. Matt Boxmeyer, Gallatin County

13:53:17 Ty Williams, Stillwater Sheriff's Office

13:57:51 Jake Ganieany, DMA

14:00:40 Sen. Sue Vinton

14:01:06 Ty Williams
14:04:03 Sen. Vince Ricci
14:04:15 Brad Belke
14:05:13 Ty Williams
14:06:25 Capt. Matt Boxmeyer
14:07:14 Rep. Steven Kelly
14:07:48 Justin Kambic, DOJ
14:10:29 Sen. Shane Morigeau returned to the meeting via zoom.

Public Comment

14:12:13 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council
14:14:59 Alan Doane, Montana Department of Justice
14:17:33 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)
[EXHIBIT 18](#)
[EXHIBIT 19](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

14:22:46 Sen. Sue Vinton
14:23:20 Nanette Gilbertson, MSPOA

Public Comment - Continued

14:24:55 May Simmons, Lake County

MONTANA'S DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE (DUI) LAWS

14:27:32 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
14:28:00 Julianne Burkhardt, Legal Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 20](#)
[EXHIBIT 21](#)
14:39:49 Rep. Steven Kelly

Committee Discussion / Questions

14:43:49 Rep. Ed Stafman
14:45:11 Julianne Burkhardt, LSD
14:50:30 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr
(See Exhibit 5)
14:51:51 Julianne Burkhardt
14:52:25 Rep. Steven Kelly
14:55:50 Julianne Burkhardt
14:56:29 Sen. Barry Usher
14:56:56 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

Public Comment

14:57:07 Nanette Gilbertson, Montana County Attorneys' Association (MCAA) & the Montana Sheriffs and Peace Officers Association (MSPOA)

14:59:49 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council
15:00:38 May Simmons, Lake County

Committee Discussion / Questions

15:02:31 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
15:02:36 Rep. Ed Stafman
15:03:22 Nanette Gilbertson, MCAA & MSPOA
15:04:32 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr

ADMINISTRATIVE RULE REVIEW

15:05:09 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
15:05:17 Julianne Burkhardt, Legal Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 22](#)

COMMITTEE RESOURCE: INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATIVE FISCAL DIVISION (LFD) STAFF WHO SPECIALIZE IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND AN OVERVIEW OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE LIBRARY

15:06:27 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
15:06:44 Walker Hopkins, Fiscal Analyst, LFD
[EXHIBIT 23](#)
[EXHIBIT 24](#)
[EXHIBIT 25](#)

Public Comment

15:17:37 Josh Butterfly, Prayer Warriors Tribal Council
15:18:17 May Simmons, Lake County

MEMBER TOPIC: BUFFER ZONE LAW - LEGISLATION IN OTHER STATES

15:18:56 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
15:19:01 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
[EXHIBIT 26](#)
[EXHIBIT 27](#)

Committee Discussion / Questions

15:23:19 Rep. Ed Stafman
15:23:39 Laura Sherley, LSD
(See Exhibit 27)

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY TOPIC WITHIN LJIC JURISDICTION

15:24:33 May Simmons, Lake County
15:26:20 Sen. Barry Usher left the meeting.

COMMITTEE WORK SESSION

Adopt Meeting Dates

15:26:53 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
15:27:25 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr

15:27:34 Rep. Ed Stafman

Motion

15:28:16 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr moved to adopt the proposed meeting dates.

Discussion on the Motion

15:28:27 Presiding Officer Amy Regier
(See Exhibit 1)

15:29:17 Vice Presiding Officer Zooey Zephyr
(See Exhibit 1)

Vote

15:29:47 Carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Barry Usher was not present for the vote.

Instructions to Staff

15:30:14 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

15:30:35 Sen. Sue Vinton

15:31:28 Rep. Ed Stafman

15:31:52 Rep. Steven Kelly

15:32:06 Rep. Ed Stafman

15:32:47 Sen. Barry Usher returned to the meeting.

15:32:54 Laura Sherley, Lead Staff, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
(See Exhibit 2)

15:33:31 Sen. Sue Vinton

15:34:58 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

15:35:04 Laura Sherley, LSD

15:35:30 Rep. Steven Kelly

15:35:54 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

15:36:14 Laura Sherley

[EXHIBIT 28](#)

[EXHIBIT 29](#)

[EXHIBIT 30](#)

[EXHIBIT 31](#)

[EXHIBIT 32](#)

[EXHIBIT 33](#)

15:36:46 Presiding Officer Amy Regier

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 15:36:52