



# LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## 66th Montana Legislature

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## MINUTES LOG

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Helena, Montana

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

SEN JANET ELLIS  
SEN TOM JACOBSON  
SEN BOB KEENAN  
SEN RYAN OSMUNDSON, Vice Chair  
SEN DANIEL SALOMON  
SEN JON SESSO  
REP KIMBERLY DUDIK, Chair  
REP KENNETH HOLMLUND  
REP LLEW JONES, Secretary  
REP RYAN LYNCH  
REP BILL MERCER  
REP MARILYN RYAN

### **STAFF PRESENT**

AMY CARLSON, Director  
KAREN GILBERT, Clerk

**AGENDA** ([Attachment 1](#))

## **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Legislative Finance committee elected Rep. Kimberly Dudik as chair, Rep. Ryan Osmundson as vice-chair and Rep. Llew Jones as secretary, and approved the selection of ad hoc members Rep. Nancy Ballance, Rep. David Bedey, Rep. Mary Caferro, Rep. Jim Hamilton, Rep. Mike Hopkins and Rep. Rae Peppers. The committee set May 29, 2019, as the date for their next meeting.

## **CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL**

- 15:55:46 Chair Ballance called the meeting to order and the 2019 interim Legislative Finance Committee approved the minutes from the December 2018 meeting.
- 15:56:32 Chair Ballance discussed the recently passed HB 715 that designates ad hoc members to the committee.
- 15:57:24 Chair Ballance adjourned the meeting.
- 15:57:36 Sen. Sesso called the meeting of the 2021 interim Legislative Finance Committee to order and opened nominations for chair.
- 15:58:38 Legislative Fiscal Analyst Amy Carlson said they needed to nominate a House Democrat for this interim.
- 15:58:49 Rep. Lynch nominated Rep. Dudik for chair. There were no other nominations and Rep. Dudik was inserted as chair.
- 15:59:40 Rep. Dudik said she accepted the nomination and the vote by acclamation.
- 15:59:54 Chair Dudik opened elections for vice chair.
- 16:00:05 Rep. Jones nominated Sen. Osmundson.
- 16:00:17 Rep. Mercer nominated Sen. Keenan.
- 16:00:25 Chair Dudik called for an around-the-table voice vote and Sen. Osmundson was elected.
- 16:02:12 Chair Dudik opened nominations for secretary.
- 16:02:21 Ms. Carlson said the role should go to someone in one of the other two caucuses.
- 16:02:36 Rep. Ryan nominated Rep. Jones, there were no other nominations.

16:02:58 Chair Dudik referred to Ms. Carlson for discussion of future meeting dates.

16:03:17 Ms. Carlson discussed SB 310 that calls for coordination with Legislative Council, scheduled to meet May 29.

16:04:46 Ms. Carlson said the council would meet first, then they would hold a combined meeting to set joint direction, followed up by short LFC meeting

16:05:11 Chair Dudik asked for discussion.

16:05:18 Rep. Holmlund asked if the LFC portion would be a work session.

16:05:26 Ms. Carlson said it would be a business meeting and passed out a work plan of what the different agendas would be for each meeting throughout the interim. [\(Exhibit 1\)](#)

16:08:24 Chair Dudik said the committee could decide later if it wished to pursue other topics aside from those outlined in the study bills.

16:08:42 Chair Dudik asked if the May meeting date was OK, Sen. Keenan said he could not make it. The committee set the date as May 29.

16:09:30 Ms. Carlson handed out a copy of the LFC rules. [\(Exhibit 2\)](#)

16:10:03 Chair Dudik said they can discuss future dates during the May meeting.

16:10:20 Chair Dudik mentioned a new process for the LFC this interim and Ms. Carlson provided more information.

16:10:31 Ms. Carlson said the LFC can appoint up to six members from the House of Representatives as non-voting ad hoc committee members.

16:10:54 Rep. Jones said the House Republicans nominated Rep. Bedey, Rep. Ballance & Rep. Hopkins.

16:11:36 Chair Dudik said House Democrats nominated Rep. Peppers, Rep. Caferro and Rep. Hamilton.

16:11:58 Chair Dudik asked Rep. Jones the process since it was his bill, and he said she can propose the committee accept the nominations.

16:12:19 Chair Dudik proposed to accept the six nominations as ad hoc committee members. The six representatives were accepted by acclimation. [\(Exhibit 3\)](#)

16:12:48 Chair Dudik called for public comment, there was none.

16:13:11 With no further business before the committee, Chair Dudik adjourned the meeting.