



# LEGISLATIVE FINANCE COMMITTEE

## 66th Montana Legislature

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## MINUTES LOG

May 29, 2019  
Room 317, Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

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### COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. TOM JACOBSON  
SEN. RYAN OSMUNDSON  
SEN. DAN SALOMON  
SEN. JON SESSO

REP. NANCY BALLANCE  
REP. DAVID BEDEY  
REP. MARY CAFERRO  
REP. KIMBERLY DUDIK  
REP. JIM HAMILTON  
REP. KENNETH HOLMLUND  
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REP. RYAN LYNCH  
REP. BILL MERCER  
REP. RAE PEPPERS  
REP. MARILYN RYAN

## **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

SEN. JANET ELLIS  
SEN. BOB KEENAN

## **STAFF PRESENT**

AMY CARLSON, Legislative Fiscal Analyst  
JULIE JOHNSON, Legal Staff  
KAREN GILBERT, Committee Secretary

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

### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

The Legislative Finance Committee adopted rules, assigned subcommittees and set dates for future interim meetings.

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

- 14:02:14 Chair Dudik called the meeting to order and the secretary took roll. Sen. Keenan and Sen. Ellis were excused. ([Attachment 2](#))
- 14:05:41 **MOTION:** Rep. Jones moved to approve the minutes from the last meeting including the removal of Rep. Caferro listed as present since she had not yet been appointed to the committee.  
**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### **Proposed committee rules**

- 14:05:59 Chair Dudik recessed the meeting due to audio/video difficulties.
- 14:07:37 Chair Dudik resumed the meeting and Julie Johnson, Legislative Services Division, went over the proposed committee rules. ([Exhibit 1](#))
- 14:12:30 Sen. Sesso asked about proxies.
- 14:12:41 Ms. Johnson responded to the question.
- 14:14:13 Rep. Ballance asked about rules for committee bills.
- 14:15:40 Chair Dudik said she recalled having committee bills drafted and then reviewed by the committee.
- 14:16:27 Amy Carlson, LFD Legislative Fiscal Analyst, said the draft rules for LFC recommendation to leadership, to be presented in 2020, can include a recommended process to handle committee bills.
- 14:16:38 Rep. Ballance said they need the same rule for any committee bills that come out of the LFC.

14:17:47 Ms. Johnson said it wouldn't hurt to be more clear.

14:18:02 Ms. Carlson suggested the committee adopt the rules as-is and she and Ms. Johnson could write a section on committee bills that could be amended into the rules during the next meeting.

14:17:55 **MOTION:** Sen. Osmundson moved to adopt the rules.  
**VOTE:** The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

14:19:07 **MOTION:** Sen. Osmundson moved to allow proxies for the LFC over the next two years.

14:19:21 Rep. Ryan asked if the proxy rule meant it needed to be approved each time.

14:19:36 Sen. Osmundson said the rule would extend for all meetings going forward in LFC.

14:19:47 **VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

14:19:56 Rep. Mercer said Sen. Keenan voted aye.

14:20:25 Ms. Carlson said they would need the proxy in writing.

14:20:31 Rep. Mercer said he got a text.

14:20:37 Rep. Jones said he should e-mail Ms. Carlson that he authorizes you to serve as proxy.

14:20:51 Chair Dudik said the text should suffice.

14:20:58 Rep. Jones said the text should be submitted to Ms. Carlson.

**State Information Technology Services Division update - SITSD (Exhibit 2)**

14:21:32 Katie Guenther, LFD fiscal analyst, gave her presentation.

14:26:50 Matt Van Syckle, SITSD chief technology officer, gave his report.

14:28:52 Rep. Ballance asked about a DPHHS project.

14:29:24 David Crowson, DPHHS, discussed the project.

14:29:47 Rep. Ballance asked when the LFC would be able to provide input regarding access to data.

14:30:53 Mr. Crowson answered her question.

14:30:55 Mr. Van Syckle continued his presentation.

14:34:24 Rep. Holmlund asked about showing funding breakdowns.

14:35:06 Mr. Van Syckle answered his question.

14:34:56 Rep. Holmlund said he'd like to see funding information on anything that is a budgeted item on the dashboard.

14:35:10 Rep. Mercer questioned the Department of Justice representative.

14:36:17 Mike Cochrane, Department of Justice, responded to his question.

14:36:44 Mr. Van Syckle continued his presentation.

14:37:27 Rep. Holmlund said there are things in the dashboard they need to understand, such as "scrum wall"

14:38:02 Mr. Van Syckle answered the question.

14:38:45 Rep. Holmlund asked about re-baselining

14:38:55 Mr. Van Syckle answered the question.

14:40:27 Rep. Holmlund asked about an issue in the report.

14:40:30 Mr. Van Syckle said the issue had been corrected.

14:40:42 Rep. Holmlund asked about projects with leftover money.

14:40:56 Mr. Van Syckle answered the question.

14:41:44 Rep. Holmlund asked if general fund money would go back into the general fund.

14:41:58 Mr. Van Syckle said it would.

14:42:03 Rep. Holmlund asked about the visa amendment for the state fund.

14:42:25 Al Parisian, Montana State Fund CIO, answered his question.

14:43:36 Rep. Caferro asked Mr. Van Syckle about re-basing.

14:44:51 Mr. Van Syckle answered her question.

14:46:11 Rep. Caferro asked about a document example.

14:46:13 Mr. Van Syckle presented one using the department's web dashboard.

14:46:55 Chair Dudik directed the members to the documents in their binders.

14:48:06 Mr. Van Syckle continued his presentation.

14:48:08 Chair Dudik asked if the committee wanted printed documents rather than online.

14:48:29 Mr. Van Syckle said that was possible.

14:48:58 Rep. Caferro said if there is a project that needs to be re-based, she wants more information but didn't need the information in paper form.

14:50:29 Mr. Van Syckle said they had several projects last interim that were re-baselined over and over again, but they have a new process to approve new re-baselining projects to track the health of the project as it is occurring.

14:51:14 Rep. Caferro clarified she wasn't on the LFC last interim.

14:51:29 Chair Dudik said Rep. Caferro could dig into it on the subcommittee.

14:51:34 Rep. Ballance said they have made improvements, but they are not quite there yet.

14:53:11 Mr. Van Syckle discussed the features of the dashboard.

14:54:05 Rep. Ryan asked how to get to the website.

14:54:17 Ms. Guenther walked the committee through the dashboard.

14:59:34 Rep. Lynch asked if the vendors are listed.

14:59:45 Ms. Guenther said not at this point.

14:59:53 Mr. Van Syckle said vendor selection goes into IT PR process.

15:00:15 Rep. Lynch asked if there is a way to publicly indicate the vendor.

15:00:31 Mr. Van Syckle said they'd look into it.

15:00:43 Rep. Hamilton asked about numbers not matching on the dashboard.

15:01:12 Mr. Van Syckle said they would take a look at it -- the agencies keyed all the data in, there might be data entry errors.

15:01:31 Rep. Ballance asked him to send the basic architecture map of MPATH projects and basic status of each one.

15:02:02 Mr. Van Syckle said he'd work with DPHHS.

15:02:13 Rep. Holmlund said there is a lot of good information here that is easy to access.

15:02:42 Ms. Guenther continued her presentation

15:03:28 Chair Dudik thanked them for the dashboard.

### **2021 Biennium Legislative Fiscal Report – Amy Carlson, LFA**

- 15:03:49 Ms. Carlson presented her report. ([Exhibit 3](#))
- 15:12:12 Rep. Holmlund asked about the federal special revenue difference.
- 15:12:31 Ms. Carlson answered his question.
- 15:13:29 Rep. Ballance clarified the comparison would be different in the future.
- 15:14:08 Ms. Carlson said she agreed and noted it is difficult because there are interactions between things and unless you understand it you are not comparing apples to apples.

### **Quarterly Financial Update**

- 15:15:10 Stephanie Morrison, Lead Fiscal Analyst, presented revenue information. ([Exhibit 4](#))
- 15:22:12 Rep. Hamilton asked about corporate income tax.
- 15:22:30 Ms. Morrison answered the question.

### **Medicaid Monitoring ([Exhibit 5](#))**

- 15:24:44 No committee questions

### **Legislative Finance Division workplan – Amy Carlson, LFA**

- 15:26:29 Ms. Carlson presented the workplan. ([Exhibit 6](#))
- 15:33:46 Ms. Carlson passed out the subcommittee assignments sheet. ([Exhibit 7](#))
- 15:35:53 Rep. Bedey said it would be a good idea for the committee to make recommendations for membership for the HB 754 study.
- 15:36:46 Ms. Carlson said she would look into how study members for HB 754 are appointed.
- 15:37:01 Rep. Bedey said there would be four House members and four Senate members to be appointed by party leadership.
- 15:37:36 Chair Dudik asked if he would volunteer.

15:37:42 Rep. Bedey said he would serve.

15:37:58 Ms. Carlson asked the committee if they would like staff to draft a letter with recommendations for subcommittee members.

15:40:04 Rep. Mercer asked about scheduling.

15:40:09 Ms. Carlson continued her presentation.

15:40:30 Rep. Ballance asked whether HB 633, involving the library, belonged in the education subcommittee or in the IT portion.

15:41:29 Ms. Carlson said it is the legislators' decision.

15:41:51 Rep. Jones clarified the discussion was to develop a proprietary fund to support large data functions, to find a shared way to fund a modern library.

15:44:01 Ms. Carlson suggested they anticipate having a full discussion in the full committee regardless the subcommittee it goes to.

15:44:46 Ms. Carlson continued her presentation and discussed the proposed LFC and subcommittee schedule.

15:57:24 **MOTION:** Rep. Holmlund moved they adopt the schedule.

15:57:34 Rep. Bedey asked about the education subcommittee.

15:57:47 Ms. Carlson said the LFC Management Advisory Working Group wanted to add four members to the education subcommittee.

15:58:00 **VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

### **Committee Business**

15:58:33 Ms. Carlson passed out a revised letter to interim committees ([Exhibit 8](#))

16:02:19 **MOTION:** Rep. Jones moved to approve letter.  
**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

16:02:36 Ms. Carlson presented the LFD/LFC budget ([Exhibit 9](#))

16:03:50 **MOTION:** Sen. Osmundson moved to approve budget.  
**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

16:04:37 Ms. Carlson presented the proposed meeting dates. ([Exhibit 10](#))

16:04:56 Sen. Sesso said his three committees are meeting Sept 16 & 17, and he cannot make it to any of them.

- 16:06:09 Ms. Carlson said Legislative Council has not officially chosen a date, we could bump it to the next week.
- 16:07:51 Sen. Sesso said just leave it alone at this point, it could be by design so everyone can work together.
- 16:08:21 Ms. Carlson said let's adopt these weeks and finalize dates by the September meeting.
- 16:08:47 Rep. Ballance joked if they had agreed on a 7a.m. start time.
- 16:08:58 Chair Dudik said the earliest would be 9 a.m.
- 16:09:07 Ms. Carlson said subcommittees can set their own start times.
- 16:09:25 Ms. Carlson said they would leave the dates and adjust as necessary.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

- 16:10:02 Ms. Carlson asked members to stick around and talk with staff who will be coordinating the subcommittees.

**Adjourn**

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