



LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Tuesday, June 13, 2023
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Representative Mike Lefor, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Members present: Representatives Mike Lefor, Glenn Bosch, Josh Bosch, Dennis Johnson, Ben Koppelman, Emily O'Brien, Paul J. Thomas, Robin Weisz; Senators Brad Bekkedahl, Kyle Davison, Kathy Hogan, David Hogue, Jerry Klein, Tim Mathern, Janne Myrdal, Donald Schaible

Member absent: Representative Zachary Ista

Others present: Allen H. Knudson, Emily Thompson, Legislative Council, Bismarck
See [appendix](#) for additional persons present.

It was moved by Representative Johnson, seconded by Senator Mathern, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the May 25, 2023, meeting be approved as distributed.

SUPPLEMENTARY RULES OF OPERATION AND PROCEDURE

Mr. John Bjornson, Director, Legislative Council, reviewed the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#).

In response to questions from committee members, Mr. Bjornson noted the rules give a committee chairman the discretion of whether to allow a member of the Legislative Management who is not a member of the committee to sit at the table with the committee, but the Legislative Management member may not vote.

It was moved by Senator Schaible, seconded by Senator Davison, and carried on a roll call vote that the *Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management* be revised to clarify members of the Legislative Management who are not members of an interim committee may not vote if attending a meeting of the committee and that the policy as revised be adopted. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Bosch, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Senator Hogan, seconded by Representative Bosch, and failed on a roll call vote that the section 2(h) of the *Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management* be revised to remove "when invited to do so by the interim committee chairman." Representatives Bosch and Weisz and Senators Hogan and Mathern voted "aye." Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, and Thomas and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogue, Klein, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "nay."

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Lefor reviewed the process of appointing interim committee members. He noted all legislators responded to the survey sent by the Legislative Council; certain committees have a membership limited or determined by statute; and most legislators were placed on the committee listed as their first or second choice. He noted the total number of committee members generally is around 350, but there about 385 total appointments this interim to attempt to better educate and prepare newer legislators to become leaders in response to term limits. He noted he will work with Senator Hogue to receive feedback from committee chairmen during the interim. He indicated each committee is limited to holding four to five meetings during the interim, with the exception of committees required to meet quarterly.

Senator Hogue noted the interim committees should serve to educate legislators and others on important topics, develop solutions to issues before the committees, receive reports from executive branch agencies and other entities and ask questions regarding the reports, and provide oversight of the executive branch.

Chairman Lefor referred the committee to a proposed [committee structure](#) with a list of proposed committee members. He indicated appointments will be determined by consensus and if a proposed change to a committee structure is not agreed upon, a roll call vote will be taken.

It was moved by Representative O'Brien, seconded by Representative Bosch, and carried on a roll call vote that the following changes be made to the interim committee membership:

- **Representative Scott Louser be added to the Administrative Rules Committee;**
- **Representative Weisz replace Representative Louser on the Information Technology Committee;**
- **Representative Keith Kempenich be added to the Legacy and Budget Stabilization Fund Advisory Board in place of Senator Greg Kessel; and**
- **Representative O'Brien be added to the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee.**

Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, and Myrdal voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Senator Hogue, seconded by Senator Myrdal, and carried on a roll call vote that Senator Karen K. Krebsbach be added to the Retirement Committee. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, and Myrdal voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Representative Boschee, seconded by Senator Myrdal, and carried on a roll call vote that Representative LaurieBeth Hager replace Representative Lisa Finley-DeVillie on the Education Committee and that Representative Hager be replaced on the Employee Benefits Programs Committee by a House member to be selected by Representative Boschee. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, and Myrdal voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Representative Boschee, seconded by Senator Mathern, and failed on a roll call vote that Representative Corey Mock be added to the Water Topics Overview Committee. Representative Boschee and Senators Hogan and Mathern voted "aye." Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogue, Klein, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "nay."

It was moved by Senator Myrdal, seconded by Senator Hogue, and carried on a roll call vote that the committee structure, as presented and revised, be approved. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

STATUTORY APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Senator Hogue, seconded by Representative O'Brien, and carried on a roll call vote that the Legislative Management make the following appointments:

- **Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck be appointed to the Kindergarten Through Grade Twelve Education Coordination Council.**
- **Representatives Dan Ruby and David A. Clemens be appointed to the Multistate Highway Transportation Committee.**
- **Senator Sean Cleary and Representative Karen Karls be appointed to the Committee on Protection and Advocacy.**
- **Representative Karen M. Rohr be appointed to the State Hospital Governing Body.**
- **Senator Hogue and Representative Lawrence R. Klemin be appointed to the Uniform Laws Commission.**
- **Senator Davison and Representative Bosch be appointed to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee.**

Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

It was moved by Senator Hogue, seconded by Senator Klein, and carried on a roll call vote that Senator Patten and Representative Bosch be appointed as co-chairmen of the Clean Sustainable Energy Authority. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

The committee discussed information relating to participation in an employee assistance program.

It was moved by Representative Weisz, seconded by Senator Myrdal, and carried on a roll call vote that the Chairman be authorized to select an employee assistance program for the Legislative Assembly. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STIPEND POLICY

The committee reviewed a draft of an updated [Legislative Information Technology Stipend Policy](#), for which funding was increased to \$200 per month by the 2023 Legislative Assembly.

It was moved by Representative Koppelman, seconded by Senator Myrdal, and carried on a roll call vote that the *Legislative Information Technology Stipend Policy* be approved. Representatives Lefor, Bosch, Boschee, Johnson, Koppelman, O'Brien, Thomas, and Weisz and Senators Bekkedahl, Davison, Hogan, Hogue, Klein, Mathern, Myrdal, and Schaible voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION DEADLINES

The committee reviewed the [2025 Legislative Deadlines](#). Mr. Bjornson noted the document reflects some differences in deadlines between the houses because the deadlines are based upon the rules in place at the end of the 2023 legislative session and some rules were amended in both chambers during the session.

Chairman Lefor noted the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee will review legislative rules and propose any necessary and appropriate changes to the deadlines.

Representative Koppelman noted the House amended its rules last session to change the bill introduction deadlines to Wednesdays.

Senator Bekkedahl noted the Legislative Procedure and Arrangements Committee should consider drafting more of the deadline rules as joint rules so one chamber cannot unilaterally move deadlines with a majority vote.

No further business appearing, Chairman Lefor adjourned the meeting at 11:54 a.m.

John Bjornson
Director

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