



LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT

Wednesday, June 9, 2021
Roughrider Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, North Dakota

Senator Ray Holmberg, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

Members present: Senators Ray Holmberg, Jessica Bell, Randy A. Burckhard, Joan Heckaman, Jerry Klein, Erin Oban, Donald Schaible, Rich Wardner; Representatives Glenn Bosch, Joshua A. Boschee, Michael Howe, Kim Koppelman, Mike Lefor, Alisa Mitskog, Chet Pollert, Jim Schmidt, Robin Weisz

Members absent: None

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

It was moved by Representative Howe, seconded by Representative Koppelman, and carried on a voice vote that the minutes of the May 19, 2021, meeting be approved as distributed.

INTERIM COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Holmberg 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; most legislators were placed on the committee listed as their first choice, but not all could be accommodated due to the high demand for certain committees; and 95 legislators wanted to be a member of the Legislative Redistricting Committee.

Chairman Holmberg referred to the proposed committee [structure](#), a list of legislator [preferences](#), and a list detailing the proposed committee [appointments](#) for each legislator. He said 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 Boschee, seconded by Senator Oban, and failed on a roll call vote that Representative Mitskog replace Representative Emily O'Brien on the Acute Psychiatric Treatment Committee. Senators Heckaman and Oban and Representatives Boschee and Mitskog voted "aye." Senators Holmberg, Bell, Burckhard, Klein, Schaible, and Wardner and Representatives Bosch, Howe, Koppelman, Lefor, Pollert, Schmidt, and Weisz voted "nay."

It was moved by Representative Boschee, seconded by Representative Mitskog, and failed on a roll call vote that Representative Mary Schneider be added to the Administrative Rules Committee. Senators Holmberg, Heckaman, and Oban and Representatives Boschee and Mitskog voted "aye." Senators Bell, Burckhard, Klein, Schaible, and Wardner and Representatives Bosch, Howe, Koppelman, Lefor, Pollert, Schmidt, and Weisz voted "nay."

Senator Heckaman, with no objection, requested Senator Merrill Piepkorn be added to the Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee.

Representative Pollert, with no objection, requested Representative Jeff A. Hoverson replace Representative Mitch Ostlie on the Education Policy Committee and Representative Mark S. Owens be removed from the Education Policy Committee.

Representative Boschee, with no objection, requested Representative Karla Rose Hanson be added to the Government Administration Committee.

Chairman Holmberg designated Representative Pat D. Heinert as Vice Chairman of the Government Administration Committee.

Representative Howe, with no objection, requested Representative Schmidt be added to the Government Finance Committee.

Representative Pollert, with no objection, requested Representative Jared C. Hagert and Representative Dave Nehring replace Representative Greg Stemen and Representative Paul J. Thomas on the Government Finance Committee.

Representative Pollert, with no objection, requested Representative Claire Cory be removed from the Legislative Audit and Fiscal Review Committee.

Representative Bosch, with no objection, requested Representative Sebastian Ertelt replace Representative Shannon Roers Jones on the Information Technology Committee.

Senator Heckaman appointed Senator Piepkorn to the Natural Resources Committee.

Senator Heckaman, with no objection, requested Senator Tim Mathern be added to the Retirement Committee.

Senator Wardner appointed Senator Dave Oehlke to the Tribal and State Relations Committee.

Representative Schmidt, with no objection, requested Representative Matthew Ruby be added to the Water Topics Overview Committee.

Senator Heckaman appointed Senator JoNell A. Bakke to replace Senator Piepkorn on the Workers' Compensation Review Committee.

Representative Boschee appointed Representative Schneider to the Workers' Compensation Review Committee.

Senator Wardner distributed a [proposal](#) for the appointment of a revised Water Drainage Committee.

It was moved by Senator Wardner, seconded by Representative Burckhard, and carried on a roll call vote that the Legislative Management study water drainage issues as provided in the proposal; Senator Larry Luick be appointed chairman; and Senators Ronald Sorvaag and Kathy Hogan and Representatives Dennis Johnson, David Monson, and Marvin E. Nelson be appointed to the committee. Senators Holmberg, Bell, Burckhard, Heckaman, Klein, Oban, Schaible, and Wardner and Representatives Bosch, Boschee, Howe, Koppelman, Lefor, Pollert, Schmidt, and Weisz voted "aye." Representative Mitskog voted "nay."

STATUTORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

It was moved by Senator Wardner, seconded by Representative Weisz, and carried on a roll call vote that the Legislative Management make the following appointments:

- **Representative Dan Ruby and Senator David A. Clemens be appointed to the Multistate Highway Transportation Agreement Cooperating Committee.**
- **Representative Karen Karls and Senator Kristin Roers be appointed to the Committee on Protection and Advocacy.**
- **Representative Karen M. Rohr be appointed to the State Hospital Governing Board.**
- **Representative Lawrence R. Klemin and Senator David Hogue be appointed to the Uniform Laws Commission.**
- **Representative Bosch and Senator Kyle Davison be appointed to the State Information Technology Advisory Committee.**
- **Representative Bosch and Senator Davison be appointed to the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee.**

Senators Holmberg, Bell, Burckhard, Heckaman, Klein, Oban, Schaible, and Wardner and Representatives Bosch, Boschee, Howe, Koppelman, Lefor, Mitskog, Pollert, Schmidt, and Weisz voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

RULES OF OPERATION AND PROCEDURE

Mr. Bjornson reviewed changes to the [Supplementary Rules of Operation and Procedure of the North Dakota Legislative Management](#). He noted proposed changes to the rules related to remote attendance at interim committee meetings and payment of expenses for members of the Legislative Management attending certain interim committee meetings.

It was moved by Senator Bell, seconded by Representative Koppelman, and carried on a roll call vote that the proposed change to 2(c) of the rules be revised to remove "due to a member's health or similar reasons", and the revised rules be adopted. Senators Holmberg, Bell, Burckhard, Heckaman, Klein, Oban, Schaible, and Wardner and Representatives Bosch, Boschee, Howe, Koppelman, Lefor, Mitskog, Pollert, Schmidt, and Weisz voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

EMPLOYEE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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

It was moved by Senator Heckaman, seconded by Senator Wardner, and carried on a roll call vote that the Chairman be authorized to select an employee assistance program for the Legislative Assembly. Senators Holmberg, Bell, Burckhard, Heckaman, Klein, Oban, Schaible, and Wardner and Representatives Bosch, Boschee, Howe, Koppelman, Lefor, Mitskog, Pollert, Schmidt, and Weisz voted "aye." No negative votes were cast.

REDISTRICTING SESSION DATES

Chairman Holmberg reviewed potential dates for a reconvened or special legislative session to address redistricting. He noted the session likely would have to be held in November or early December. He suggested legislators be prepared to be ready for a redistricting session the week of November 8, 2021, the week of November 30, 2021, or the week of December 13, 2021.

2023 LEGISLATIVE DEADLINES

Mr. Bjornson reviewed proposed [deadlines](#) for the 2023 legislative session.

It was moved by Representative Koppelman, seconded by Representative Howe, and carried on a voice vote that the 2023 legislative deadlines be approved.

It was moved Senator Burckhard, seconded by Senator Bell, and carried on a voice vote that the meeting be adjourned.

No further business appearing, Chairman Holmberg adjourned the meeting at 12:01 p.m.

John Bjornson
Director

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