

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 67th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON JOINT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair David Bedey, on January 20, 2021 at 8:30 A.M., in Room 472 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. David Bedey, Chair (R)  
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Kenneth Bogner (R)  
Rep. Llew Jones (R)  
Rep. Connie Keogh (D)  
Sen. Shane A. Morigeau (D)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. John Fuller (R)  
Rep. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:**

Jasmine Hart, Committee Secretary  
Anthony Nuno, Remote Meetings Coordinator  
Katie Guenther, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Commissioner of Higher Education Hearing

08:31:45 Chair Bedey

**COMMISSIONER OF HIGHER EDUCATION HEARING**

**LFD Budget Analysis Overview:**

08:32:26 Katie Guenther, Legislative Fiscal Division (LFD)

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a01\)](#)**

08:36:21 Rep. Windy Boy joined the meeting.  
08:43:57 Rep. Fuller joined the meeting.  
08:50:38 Rep. Windy Boy  
08:51:29 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:19:19 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:20:16 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:20:34 Rep. Windy Boy  
09:21:18 Tyler Trevor, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)  
09:22:08 Brock Tessman, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)  
09:23:06 Katie Guenther, LFD  
09:26:46 Rep. Jones  
09:29:53 Tyler Trevor, OCHE  
09:30:35 Katie Guenther, LFD

**Commissioner of Higher Education Overview:**

09:42:34 Chair Casey Lozar, Montana Board of Regents of Higher Education (BOR)  
09:48:10 Chair Bedey  
09:48:46 Commissioner Clayton Christian, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)  
10:05:07 Chair Bedey  
10:05:44 President Waded Cruzado, Montana State University (MSU)  
10:16:28 President Seth Bodnar, University of Montana (UM)  
10:35:17 Tyler Trevor, OCHE

**[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a02\)](#)**

10:36:31 Brock Tessman, OCHE  
10:37:00 Shauna Lyons, Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education (OCHE)

**Office of Budget and Program Planning:**

10:37:19 Jason Harlow, Office of Budget and Program Planning (OBPP)

**Committee Questions and Responses:**

10:39:12 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:39:28 Rep. Jones left the meeting.  
10:41:03 President Bodnar, UM  
10:43:59 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:45:38 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
10:50:04 Rep. Windy Boy  
10:55:07 Vice Chair Salomon  
10:55:49 President Cruzado, MSU  
11:01:08 Vice Chair Salomon  
11:01:49 Tyler Trevor, OCHE

11:03:25 Vice Chair Salomon  
11:04:00 Brock Tessman, OCHE  
11:05:48 Sen. Morigeau  
11:06:57 Rep. Fuller left the meeting.  
11:11:26 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
11:12:27 Rep. Windy Boy left the meeting.  
11:13:52 Brock Tessman, OCHE  
11:15:26 Sen. Morigeau  
11:16:52 President Bodnar, UM  
11:21:53 Sen. Morigeau  
11:22:12 Sen. Bogner  
11:22:36 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
11:23:52 Rep. Keogh  
11:26:07 Commissioner Christian, OCHE  
11:27:04 Chair Bedey

**Public Comment:**

11:30:57 Diane Fladmo, Montana Federation of Public Employees (MFPE)  
[EXHIBIT\(jeh13a03\)](#)

11:32:30 Chair Bedey

**ADJOURNMENT**

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11:34:01

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Jasmine Hart, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([jeh13aad.pdf](#))