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MINUTES

June 13, 2016
Room 102, Capitol Building
Helena, Montana

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COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT

SEN. TOM FACEY - CHAIR
SEN. ELSIE ARNTZEN - VICE CHAIR
SEN. KRISTIN HANSEN
SEN. MARY SHEEHY MOE
SEN. MATTHEW ROSENDALE
SEN. LEA WHITFORD
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STAFF PRESENT

PAD McCracken, Research Analyst
LAURA SANKEY, Attorney
KATYA GROVER, Committee Secretary

VISITORS' LIST (Attachment 1)

AGENDA (Attachment 2)

COMMISSION ACTION

The commission took no formal action but provided direction to staff regarding commission Final Report and bill drafts: LCs SE01, SE02, SE03, LC SNSY, LC GFTD, LC ICAP, CL EFBT, LC GRT1, LC GRT2, LC DSGB, LC QELP, and LC HLTH.

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

00:00:01 Sen. Facey called the commission to order at 8:06 a.m. The commission secretary called roll. **(Attachment 3)**
00:01:16 Sen. Facey welcomed the commission members and briefly went over today's agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Budget Update - Pad McCracken, Commission Staff

00:01:53 Mr. McCracken

WORK SESSION ON FINAL REPORT

Discussion of Draft Report Outline, Findings, and Recommendations

00:04:52 Sen. Facey said that he is looking forward to a robust discussion of what should go into the final report. Sen. Facey brought commissioners' attention to the commission bill draft. **(Exhibit 1)**
00:06:52 Commissioner Lewis asked Sen. Facey about the additional commission meeting that would take place in the fall: what will change between now and the next meeting.
00:07:35 Sen. Facey addressed Commissioner Lewis' question.
00:08:26 Sen. Rosendale said that the commissioners do not have to gather in Helena for working on the Final Report, and that, instead, commission members could send their recommendations to Mr. McCracken.
00:09:01 Sen. Facey addressed Sen. Rosendale's comment.
00:10:12 Sen. Hansen noted that when it comes to "adequacy" and "equity", this commission has gained the most in-depth knowledge of "equity" than any other school funding committee.
00:12:24 Rep. Kelker also expressed a positive opinion about the final report done by this commission and noted that conducting this kind of study once every ten years puts a lot of responsibility on the commission.
00:13:36 Sen. Moe said that the point about "equity" is addressed in the bill (page 3 of

Exhibit 1). Sen. Moe also expressed an interest in an additional commission meeting.

00:15:22 Commissioner Rasmussen also emphasized the importance of the commission's Final Report and additional commission meeting.

Part 1 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: General Introduction

Commission members and staff discussed the content and possible changes to the introductory part of the Final Report.

00:16:53 Sen. Facey announced the beginning of the session on the draft report outline, findings, and recommendations.

00:18:09 Mr. McCracken introduced the *Draft Outline for SFC Final Report* and distributed a hard copy to the commission members. (Exhibit 2) During the commission work session, Mr. McCracken was taking notes and applying changes to the *Draft Outline for SFC Final Report*, which could be observed by the commissioners and public on the projector screen.

00:21:04 Rep. Kelker

00:21:33 Sen. Facey

00:22:12 Sen. Hansen

00:22:54 Commissioner Myhre

00:25:53 Mr. McCracken

00:26:20 Sen. Hansen

00:27:23 Sen. Facey

00:28:43 Sen. Hansen

00:29:44 Sen. Facey

00:30:08 Sen. Hansen

00:30:17 Sen. Facey

00:31:09 Commissioner Myhre

00:31:26 Sen. Facey

00:33:06 Sen. Moe

00:33:32 Sen. Facey

00:34:00 Commissioner Myhre

00:34:50 Sen. Facey

00:35:38 Sen. Moe

00:36:22 Sen. Facey

Part 2 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Recruitment and Retention

Commission members and staff discussed the content and possible changes to the part of the Final Report that talks about teachers' recruitment and retention.

00:37:03 Mr. McCracken

00:38:11 Sen. Facey

00:38:25 Commissioner Rasmussen

00:38:57 Mr. McCracken

00:39:19 Sen. Hansen

00:40:02 Commissioner Rasmussen

00:40:20 Rep. Kelker

00:41:16 Sen. Facey

00:41:50 Rep. Kelker

00:42:28 Sen. Facey

00:43:03	Sen. Moe
00:43:25	Mr. McCracken
00:44:02	Sen. Hansen
00:44:58	Sen. Rosendale
00:45:17	Sen. Facey
00:46:01	Commissioner Rasmussen
00:46:46	Sen. Facey
00:46:55	Sen. Whitford
00:48:00	Sen. Facey
00:48:11	Commissioner Myhre
00:48:59	Sen. Facey
00:49:45	Mr. McCracken
00:50:09	Sen. Facey
00:50:24	Sen. Moe
00:50:40	Sen. Facey
00:50:56	Rep. Kelker
00:51:39	Sen. Facey
00:52:02	Rep. Kelker
00:53:01	Sen. Whitford
00:53:58	Rep. Lamm
00:54:31	Sen. Facey
00:54:55	Sen. Rosendale
00:55:45	Sen. Facey
00:57:26	Sen. Moe
00:58:34	Sen. Facey
00:58:52	Mr. McCracken
01:00:14	Sen. Facey
01:00:19	Mr. McCracken
01:00:35	Commissioner Rasmussen
01:01:04	Mr. McCracken
01:01:33	Sen. Moe
01:02:15	Sen. Facey
01:03:10	Rep. McClafferty
01:03:33	Sen. Facey
01:04:19	Sen. Hansen
01:05:00	Mr. McCracken
01:05:15	Commissioner Myhre
01:05:46	Sen. Facey
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01:08:39	Rep. Kelker
01:09:18	Sen. Facey
01:09:46	Sen. Moe
01:10:15	Sen. Facey
01:10:44	Rep. Kelker
01:11:00	Sen. Facey

01:11:11 Rep. Essmann
 01:11:48 Sen. Facey
 01:11:57 Rep. Essmann
 01:12:06 Rep. Hubbard
 01:12:27 Rep. Lamm
 01:13:52 Mr. McCracken
 01:14:09 Rep. Lamm
 01:14:19 Sen. Rosendale
 01:15:34 Rep. Kelker
 01:16:30 Sen. Hansen
 01:19:12 Sen. Moe
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 01:24:28 Sen. Facey
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 01:25:31 Sen. Facey
 01:25:43 Sen. Moe
 01:26:21 Sen. Arntzen
 01:26:38 Sen. Moe
 01:27:17 Sen. Arntzen
 01:27:41 Sen. Moe
 01:27:53 Sen. Rosendale
 01:28:14 Sen. Hansen
 01:28:56 Sen. Facey
 01:29:58 Sen. Moe
 01:30:17 Sen. Facey
 01:30:55 Sen. Moe
 01:31:21 Sen. Facey

Public Comment on Part 2 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Recruitment and Retention

01:31:53 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana, referred commissioners' attention to the Rise4Montana website (www.rise4montana.org) with respect to recruitment and retention and noted that Montana's teachers' feedback is different from what Dr. Ingersoll presented to the commission in January.

01:34:11 Bob Vogel, Montana School Boards Association, expressed his agreement with what Mr. Miller said and encouraged the commission not to over-focus on the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program (QELP).

01:35:46 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association, encouraged the commission to mention the topic of healthcare in the section about recruitment and retention as this is where it originated even though the commission will have healthcare discussed as a separate topic in the final report. Mr. Story also encouraged adding a link to the Critical Quality Educator Shortage report produced by OPI for the Board of Public Education.

01:39:14 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT, thanked the commission for recognizing that healthcare is a big issue. Ms. Fladmo also encouraged the commission not to narrow down the topic regarding QELP too much so that teachers are excluded

from this program.

BREAK (reconvened at 11:04 a.m.)

Part 3 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: District Structure and Equity

Commission members and staff discussed the content and possible changes to the part of the Final Report that talks about district structure and equity.

01:59:01 Sen. Facey
02:00:52 Rep. Kelker
02:01:50 Sen. Facey
02:02:19 Rep. Essmann
02:06:12 Se. Facey
02:06:24 Commissioner Rasmussen
02:07:03 Sen. Facey
02:08:05 Rep. Kelker
02:09:44 Commissioner Myhre
02:10:36 Sen. Hansen
02:13:42 Sen. Facey
02:14:06 Rep. Kelker
02:15:16 Sen. Facey
02:15:43 Sen. Whitford
02:17:54 Sen. Hansen
02:20:43 Rep. Kelker
02:21:12 Sen. Moe
02:22:23 Sen. Facey
02:23:02 Commissioner Myhre
02:23:23 Sen. Facey
02:23:36 Sen. Whitford
02:24:03 Sen. Facey
02:24:33 Sen. Hansen
02:25:40 Sen. Moe
02:26:36 Sen. Hansen
02:28:16 Commissioner Rasmussen
02:30:07 Sen. Facey
02:30:55 Rep. Kelker
02:31:47 Sen. Facey
02:31:53 Sen. Hansen
02:32:36 Sen. Facey
02:33:19 Rep. Kelker
02:34:30 Commissioner Rasmussen
02:34:59 Sen. Hansen
02:36:25 Sen. Facey

Public Comment on Part 3 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: District Structure and Equity

02:36:46 Dennis Parman, OPI, commented on broadband being an issue in Montana. Mr. Parman also talked about the Montana Digital Academy, as well as multi-district cooperatives.

Part 4 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Facilities

Commission members and staff discussed the content and possible changes to the part of the Final Report that talks about school facilities.

02:43:08 Sen. Facey
02:43:30 Commissioner Myhre
02:43:58 Sen. Moe
02:44:58 Mr. McCracken
02:45:05 Sen. Facey
02:45:56 Sen. Hansen
02:47:19 Sen. Facey
02:47:44 Mr. McCracken
02:47:49 Sen. Hansen
02:48:11 Sen. Facey
02:48:24 Rep. Kelker
02:49:52 Sen. Hansen
02:50:40 Sen. Facey
02:52:36 Sen. Rosendale
02:53:32 Sen. Facey
02:54:02 Commissioner Myhre
02:55:06 Sen. Moe
02:55:29 Commissioner Rasmussen
02:55:49 Sen. Facey
02:56:18 Rep. Kelker
02:57:01 Commissioner Rasmussen
02:57:16 Sen. Rosendale
02:57:46 Rep. Jones
02:58:13 Sen. Whitford
02:59:47 Sen. Hansen
03:00:35 Sen. Facey

Public Comment on Part 4 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Facilities

03:03:11 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association, commented on terminology that would be better suited for discussing unreliable funding for school facilities.
03:03:48 Scott McDowell, Superintendent, Anderson School District 41, Bozeman, talked about the district he represents with respect to school facilities funding.
03:08:22 Sen. Whitford agreed with the point about prioritizing that Mr. McDowell discussed in his testimony and said that it should be reflected in the commission's Final Report.
03:08:56 Sen. Moe elaborated on the issue of adequacy that Mr. McDowell raised in his public comment.
03:09:14 Sen. Facey concluded the public comment section regarding school facilities.

LUNCH (reconvened at 1:08 p.m.)

Part 5 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Special Education and Special Needs, Including Gifted and Talented

Commission members and staff discussed the content and possible changes to the part of the Final Report that talks about special education and special needs.

04:03:20	Sen. Facey
04:04:24	Rep. Kelker
04:06:15	Sen. Facey
04:06:45	Rep. Kelker
04:07:36	Commissioner Lewis
04:08:01	Rep. Kelker
04:08:05	Commissioner Lewis
04:08:26	Sen. Facey
04:08:49	Sen. Hansen
04:10:10	Rep. Kelker
04:10:39	Sen. Hansen
04:11:08	Rep. Kelker
04:11:25	Sen. Hansen
04:12:16	Sen. Facey
04:12:54	Rep. Kelker
04:13:32	Sen. Moe
04:14:13	Sen. Facey
04:14:32	Rep. Kelker
04:15:05	Sen. Facey
04:15:15	Sen. Moe
04:15:32	Mr. McCracken
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04:18:14	Sen. Facey
04:18:30	Sen. Hansen
04:19:21	Sen. Facey
04:19:30	Sen. Rosendale
04:19:57	Rep. Kelker
04:21:32	Sen. Facey
04:22:15	Sen. Moe
04:22:19	Sen. Facey
04:22:29	Rep. Kelker
04:22:48	Sen. Facey
04:23:04	Frank Podobnik, OPI
04:23:36	Sen. Facey
04:23:40	Rep. Lamm
04:24:07	Rep. Kelker
04:25:14	Commissioner Rasmussen
04:27:26	Sen. Facey
04:27:42	Sen. Hansen
04:29:58	Sen. Facey
04:30:34	Sen. Hansen
04:32:25	Sen. Facey
04:32:31	Rep. Kelker
04:35:43	Sen. Facey
04:36:20	Sen. Hansen

04:39:31 Sen. Facey
 04:39:50 Sen. Moe
 04:40:28 Sen. Facey
 04:40:45 Sen. Hansen
 04:42:31 Rep. Jones
 04:43:01 Sen. Facey
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 04:50:39 Sen. Facey
 04:51:29 Rep. Kelker
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 04:53:25 Mr. McCracken
 04:54:12 Sen. Facey
 04:54:35 Sen. Moe
 04:00:46 Sen. Facey

Public Comment on Part 5 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Special Education and Special Needs, Including gifted and Talented

04:56:23 Mark Thane, Superintendent, Missoula County Public Schools, spoke about the challenges with preparing general fund budgets for FY 2017 regarding special education.

04:58:50 Tim Miller, Director, Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative, distributed to the commission members a written comment on behalf of Linda Maass, Director of the Missoula Area Education Cooperative, who could not attend the meeting. **(Exhibit 3)** Ms. Maass testified in support of LC SE02.

05:01:28 Bob Moore, Superintendent, Stevensville Public School, Chairman, the Bitterroot Valley Education Cooperative, spoke about inadequate funding for special education. **(Exhibit 4) (Exhibit 5)**

05:05:49 Matt Genger, Big Sky Special Needs Cooperative, spoke about challenges with respect to special education budgeting. In his comment, Mr. Genger provided a copy of written testimony, as well as a document entitled "Big Sky Special Needs Cooperative Assessment Calculations for 2016-2017." **(Exhibit 6)**

05:07:49 Scott McDowell, Superintendent, Anderson School District 41, Bozeman, spoke about expenditures related to providing special needs services at his school district.

05:10:50 Verne Beffert, Director, Park County Special Education Cooperative, Member of the OPI Special Education Cooperative Funding Task Force, expressed his support for LC SE02.

05:11:26 Chris Rice, Director, Central Montana Learning Resource Center Cooperative, Lewistown, Member of the OPI Special Education Cooperative Funding Task Force, encouraged the commission to fully support the recommendations that

- the Special Education Cooperative Task Force produced. **(Exhibit 7)**
- 05:15:14 Michelle Halberg, Special Education Director, Gallatin-Madison County Special Education Cooperative, expressed her support for LC SE02.
- 05:18:05 Silvia Manger, Special Education Director, Great Divide Education Services, expressed her gratitude to the commission for considering financial difficulties and stressors for special education programs and spoke in support of increased funding for special education, as well as in support to move forward with bills providing additional funding for the special education cooperatives.
- 05:19:58 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association, encouraged the commission to look at the definition of "gifted and talented" and see if the funding formula accomplishes the definition.
- 05:23:15 Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana, spoke in support of the inflationary increase in the formula for special education.
- 05:24:59 Diane Fladmo, MEA-MFT, also spoke in support of the inflationary increase in the formula for special education.

Part 6 of the Draft Outline for SFC Final Report: Additional Items, Topics for Further Study, etc.

Commission members and staff discussed the content and possible changes to the part of the Final Report that talks about additional items that are not covered elsewhere in the Final Report.

- 05:26:45 Sen. Facey
- 05:27:37 Rep. Kelker
- 05:28:09 Sen. Facey
- 05:30:38 Sen. Moe
- 05:31:17 Mr. McCracken
- 05:31:39 Sen. Facey
- 05:31:54 Rep. Lamm
- 05:32:39 Mr. McCracken
- 05:33:01 Rep. Lamm
- 05:33:20 Sen. Facey
- 05:33:43 Mr. McCracken
- 05:34:21 Rep. Lamm
- 05:34:45 Mr. McCracken
- 05:35:13 Sen. Rosendale
- 05:35:50 Rep. Kelker
- 05:36:14 Rep. Lamm
- 05:36:26 Commissioner Rasmussen
- 05:36:45 Sen. Facey
- 05:36:53 Rep. Jones
- 05:37:03 Sen. Hansen
- 05:37:33 Mr. McCracken
- 05:38:17 Sen. Facey
- 05:40:45 Sen. Moe
- 05:41:21 Sen. Facey

BREAK (reconvene at 3:00 p.m.)

UPDATES ON SPECIAL NEEDS BILL DRAFTS

LC SE01, SE02, SE03, Drafts to Increase the State Special Education Payment - Sen.

Facey

05:56:36 Sen. Facey opened the section of the agenda on the commission bill drafts. Sen Facey also provided a summary of the bill proposals to increase the state special education payment.

LC SNSY, Draft to Request Study of Funding for Special Needs Students, Including Students with Disabilities and Gifted and Talented - Rep. Lamm, Rep. Kelker

06:01:38 Rep. Kelker provided a summary of a bill proposal to request study of funding for special needs students, including students with disabilities and gifted and talented.

06:03:59 Rep. Lamm added to the summary of the proposed bill.

LC GFTD, Draft to Provide Funding for Gifted and Talented Programs - Rep. Kelker

06:04:36 Rep. Kelker provided a summary of a bill proposal to provide funding for gifted and talented program.

06:06:48 Rep. Kelker provided a definition of "high ability/high potential student" to the commission members. [\(Exhibit 8\)](#)

Public Comment on Special Needs Bill Drafts

06:07:01 Frank Podobnik, OPI, provided information on the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirements and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) in regards to the bill drafts for the special education funding. [\(Exhibit 9\)](#)

06:10:07 Margaret Bentwood, Helena resident, spoke in support of improving gifted and talented education in Montana.

06:11:51 Mr. McCracken brought commissioners' attention to a more in-depth fiscal analysis of state funding for special education available on the commission's website. [\(Exhibit 10\)](#) [\(Exhibit 11\)](#)

UPDATES ON FACILITIES BILL DRAFTS

LC ICAP, Bill Draft to Revise INTERCAP Loan Program - Sen. Facey

06:14:09 Sen. Facey provided a summary of the bill proposal to revise INTERCAP loan program.

LC EFBT, Bill Draft to Provide Transferability of Funds to Building Reserve - Commissioner Hubbard, Commissioner Rasmussen, and Laura Sankey, Commission Staff Attorney

06:15:31 Ms. Sankey reported on the bill proposal to provide transferability of funds to Building Reserve.

Commission Questions and Discussion of the Bill Draft to Provide Transferability of Funds to Building Reserve

06:16:24 Rep. Lamm asked whether this bill draft is available.

06:16:43 Commissioner Lewis asked why the Board of Investments only allowed a voted levy.

06:17:13 Sen. Facey addressed Commissioner Lewis' question.
06:17:29 Commissioner Rasmussen also addressed Commissioner Lewis' question.
06:17:53 Sen. Moe contributed to the discussion.
06:18:02 Commissioner Lewis also contributed to the discussion.

LC GRT2, Bill Draft for New Facility Grant Program - Rep. Essmann

06:18:42 Rep. Essmann provided a summary of the bill proposal for a new facility grant program - LC GRT2.

LC GRT1, Bill Draft for New Facility Grant Program - Sen. Facey

06:28:29 Sen. Facey provided a summary of the bill proposal for a new facility grant program - LC GRT1. In his summary, Sen. Facey referred to numbers on page 2 of Exhibit 12. ([Exhibit 12](#))

Commission Questions

06:32:44 Rep. Essmann asked Sen. Facey about the impact on state general fund with this proposal.

LC DSGB, Bill Draft to Shore up Funding for Facility Reimbursements (Debt Service GTB) - Pad McCracken, Commission Staff

06:33:45 Mr. McCracken provided a summary of the bill proposal to shore up funding for facility reimbursements. In his report, Mr. McCracken referred to Exhibit 12.

Commission Questions

06:35:18 Rep. Lamm asked for clarification on LC GRT1 and LC GRT2.

Public Comment on Facilities Bill Drafts

06:35:55 Nick Salmon, Collaborative Learning Network, Missoula, encouraged the commission to think about a ten-year period as opposed to a biennium. Mr. Salmon also provided his feedback on the bill drafts regarding school facilities.
06:42:42 Bob Story, Montana Taxpayers' Association, talked about state share vs. what local tax payers put in with respect to funding school facilities. Mr. Story also encouraged the commission to exercise targeting funding with respect to school facilities.

UPDATES ON RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION BILL DRAFTS

LC QELP, Bill Draft to Revise Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program - Sen. Hansen, Sen. Moe

06:45:59 Sen. Hansen provided a summary of a bill proposal to revise the Quality Educator Loan Assistance Program.
06:49:26 Sen. Moe added to the summary of the proposed bill.

Commission Questions

06:51:33 Sen. Rosendale asked about how the Loan Assistance Program is protected against people potentially taking advantage of it.
06:52:25 Sen. Moe addressed Sen. Rosendale's question.
06:52:49 Sen. Hansen also addressed Sen. Rosendale's question.

06:53:21 Rep. Essmann commented on the spillover provision that has been added to the bill draft.

LC HLTH, Bill Draft to Create Study on K-12 Health Benefits - Sen. Facey

06:55:53 Sen. Facey provided a summary of the bill proposal to create a study on K-12 health benefits.

06:56:17 Sen. Moe reported to the commission on the Student-Teacher Bill that is based on the Colorado model.

Commission Questions

06:57:32 Rep. Essmann asked Sen. Moe whether the Colorado law has clawback provision regarding a situation when a student graduates but does not keep his or her commitment.

06:58:45 Sen. Facey asked whether Mr. McCracken had any additional comments regarding K-12 health benefits.

Public Comment on Recruitment and Retention Bill Drafts - none

Commission Discussion on Adequacy and Equity

Commission members discussed where concerns about adequacy and equity should be placed in the Final Report.

06:59:59 Sen. Facey
07:00:21 Sen. Moe
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07:01:47 Sen. Moe
07:03:31 Sen. Facey
07:03:39 Sen. Hansen
07:07:00 Rep. Lamm
07:08:11 Sen. Facey
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07:09:30 Sen. Rosendale
07:10:56 Rep. Essmann
07:13:39 Commissioner Rasmussen
07:15:14 Sen. Moe
07:16:37 Commissioner Lewis

Commission's Concluding Remarks on the Final Report and Final Meeting

07:17:36 Sen. Facey said that Mr. McCracken will distribute the Final Report to the commission members by August 1, 2016, and that there will be a final commission meeting in August, which can be a phone conference meeting. Sen. Facey also said that there will be at least one week between the time the Final Report is distributed and the time the meeting takes place.

07:18:52 Rep. Lamm asked whether the commission is done with providing their comments to Mr. McCracken regarding the Final Report.

07:19:15 Sen. Facey addressed Rep. Lamm's question. Sen. Facey also reiterated that those bills that receive a consensus from the commission will be carried as

commission bills and those bills that do not receive a consensus may be carried by individual legislator members of the commission.

07:20:34 Sen. Moe asked whether the Final Report that will be disseminated among the commission members by August 1, 2016, will be a draft and not a finished product. Sen. Moe also said that after reviewing the Report, she might use her latitude to create a minority report.

07:21:18 Sen. Facey addressed Sen. Moe's question.

ADJOURNMENT

07:21:39 With no further business before the commission, Sen. Facey adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

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