

MINUTES  
**SENATE COMMERCE & HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Thursday, March 14, 2019

**TIME:** 1:00 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW54

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman Patrick, Vice Chairman Agenbroad, Senators Martin, Lakey, Guthrie, Thayn, Ward-Engelking, and Burgoyne

**ABSENT/  
EXCUSED:** Senator Souza

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** **Chairman Patrick** called the meeting of the Senate Commerce and Human Resources Committee (Committee) to order at 1:05 p.m.

**GUBERNATORIAL  
VOTE:** **Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Rod Higgins, Idaho State Insurance Fund Board (ISIB).**

**MOTION:** **Senator Lakey** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Rod Higgins as a member of the ISIB to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Vice Chairman Agenbroad** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Grow will carry the appointment on the floor.

**GUBERNATORIAL  
VOTE:** **Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Appointment of Gregory Donaca, Idaho Health Insurance Exchange Board - Your Health Idaho (YHI).**

**MOTION:** **Vice Chairman Agenbroad** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Gregory Donaca as member of the YHI Board to the floor with the recommendation that he be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Martin will carry the appointment on the floor.

**GUBERNATORIAL  
VOTE:** **Committee Consideration on the Gubernatorial Appointment of Nancy Merrill, Idaho Personnel Commission (IPC).**

**MOTION:** **Senator Martin** moved to send the Gubernatorial appointment of Nancy Merrill, as member of the IPC Board to the floor with the recommendation that she be confirmed by the Senate. **Senator Ward-Engelking** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**. Senator Grow will carry the appointment on the floor.

**GUBERNATORIAL  
REAPPOINTMENT  
HEARING:**

**Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Dean Cameron, Director, Idaho Department of Insurance (IDOI)**, of Meridian, Idaho, term commencing January 7, 2019 and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. **Mr. Cameron** gave a brief overview of the history of the IDOI. He talked about the issue of retention within the IDOI. The IDOI has had 53 new hires and 22 promotions. He stated he wanted the IDOI to be a good place to work where employees felt appreciated. Employees needed a place where they had the ability to help work with consumers and to make a difference, and a place where they had the tools and training necessary in order to succeed. He made a better workspace and improved lighting. He has made an effort to speak with employees to find out their likes and dislikes and areas where they feel they need improvement. He holds quarterly staff meetings. **Mr. Cameron** reported the IDOI looked for ways to be more efficient and to feel more comfortable. He has supported an effort to have more outreach and press releases, including a newsletter. He noted the website was updated.

**Mr. Cameron** explained the development and implementation of the Lost Policy Locator with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC), where someone could search if a deceased person purchased a policy and determine whether or not they could collect on the policy.

**Mr. Cameron** reported he is responsible for budgeting and management. He noted the IDOI is less dependent on contracting with examiners who examine domestic insurance companies or domestic companies, and who were very expensive. Three new examiner positions have been added in the fire marshal's office, which have significantly reduced costs.

**Mr. Cameron** stated he has worked to appeal statutes and rules that are no longer necessary. The IDOI has worked with legislators and carriers to provide many options to clients, such as hearing aids, treatment for autism, dental contracts, waiving the requirement for Stop-Loss coverage, working on Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM) compromises, and oral chemotherapy options. Last year, the IDOI worked hard on trying to develop a notification to a designee to avoid a lapse in policy.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Chairman Patrick** remarked he appreciated Mr. Cameron's help in the insurance arena. **Senator Burgoyne** commented the IDOI was not viewed by attorneys in a positive way in the past, but Mr. Cameron has changed the outlook, which the legal community appreciates. He stated Mr. Cameron has made the IDOI responsibility focused with a vision.

**GUBERNATORIAL  
APPOINTMENT  
HEARING:**

**Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Chris Jensen, Administrator, Idaho Division of Building Safety (IDBS)**, of Blackfoot, Idaho, term commencing January 7, 2019 and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. **Mr. Jensen** provided a brief overview of his background. He outlined the gamut of inspections, citing several statistics. He said these inspections have made schools and buildings safer. He stated the IDBS is fully staffed and currently has enough resources to fulfill the IDBS responsibilities in the construction industry.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Senator Burgoyne** and **Mr. Jensen** discussed the use of videoconferencing and traveling outside of Boise for meetings.

**Chairman Patrick** stated he had spoken with plumbers who voiced their concerns about the rules and laws. **Mr. Jensen** remarked some of the rules and laws passed in 1947 and beyond need to be updated because they are outdated, and some need to be corrected as they are not user-friendly.

**GUBERNATORIAL  
APPOINTMENT  
HEARING:**

**Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Appointment of Bryan Mooney, Director, Idaho Department of Administration (IDOA)**, of Boise, Idaho, term commencing January 7, 2019 and serving at the pleasure of the Governor. **Mr. Mooney** provided a brief overview of his background. He mentioned he grew up in Weiser, Idaho and went to college in Wyoming. He worked for Agri Beef Company and managed facilities and purchasing. In addition, he has worked with charities and has been involved in volunteering. He has experience working with customers and promoting independence for individuals and companies. He wants to reduce duplication among agencies.

**DISCUSSION:**

**Senator Burgoyne** highlighted some of the items of interest to him. Namely, the Hewlett-Packard (HP) campus, risk management, and purchasing. He stated he did not expect an answer until next year.

**Mr. Mooney** addressed each of the items brought up by Senator Burgoyne. He remarked that the purchase of the HP campus was a great opportunity to move the campus to the west. He reported there are several training rooms available, which he wants to maintain. **Mr. Mooney** stated he sees opportunities to think about where staff will be housed. He reported he will look for opportunities and collaborate when necessary. Agencies need to be supported and work together to use assets to develop a plan of action.

**Mr. Mooney** indicated that with risk management everyone has to agree, do the training, provide documentation, and centralize activities.

**Mr. Mooney** stated there is a job posted for an administrator. He remarked he is looking for a fine leader who is fair and efficient. **Chairman Patrick** remarked he is hoping there are some proven products in Information Technology (IT) that the Idaho Division of Purchasing (IDP) will explore.

**Senator Martin** stated he liked what Mr. Mooney had to say about purchasing and hoped the State can continue to fully utilize the HP campus.

**Mr. Mooney** stated that if he does not know something, he will consult with others. He will utilize opinions and get the results the State wants.

**ADJOURNED:**

There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Patrick** adjourned the meeting at 1:48 p.m.

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Senator Patrick  
Chair

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Linda Kambeitz  
Secretary