## **Department of Health**





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# Legislative Committee Meeting Agenda January 9th, 2025 12:00pm – 2:00pm

#### TO JOIN THE MEETING:

Zoom link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85926101700?pwd=i0GK6jtoRvjQtrvAbV4BbJttJj7vNR.1

Toll Free numbers: 888 475 4499, 833 548 0276, 833 548 0282, 877 853 5257

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- Meeting ID: 859 2610 1700
- Passcode: 971034

#### 1:00 PM Call to Order:

Caitlin Poindexter, Legislative Committee Chair

## Roll Call / Begin ZOOM Recording:

 <u>Committee Members</u>: Caitlin Poindexter, Chair, Art DeLaune, Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus, Corey Gilmore, Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich, Jena Crafton, Stanley Wright, Margaret Evans, Carl (CB) Brady, Garrett Dominick, Lisa McDonald (6 committee members for a Quorum).

GCDSE Staff: Jamie Kokoszka, Patrick Reinhart.

## Welcome from the Chair:

• Introductions (Caitlin Poindexter).

### **Conflict of Interest Declarations:**

This is an opportunity for committee members to declare if they have a conflict with any item on the agenda, financial or otherwise.

### Approval of the Previous Meeting Minutes and Agenda:

- Approval of Agenda
  - SAMPLE MOTION: I make a motion to approve the meeting agenda as presented.
- Approval of Past Meeting Minutes
  - SAMPLE MOTION (must be made by a committee member who was present at the meeting):
  - I make a motion to approve the, Legislative Committee meeting minutes as presented.

#### Reports:

- Committee Chair-Caitlin Poindexter
- GCDSE Staff

## **Business:**

- AKleg.gov or other legislative questions –Caitlin Poindexter
- 2025 State legislative priorities Updates, discussion, Committee vote
  - SESA Funding Rich Saville/Patrick Reinhart
  - ILP Program Rich Saville/Patrick Reinhart
  - Public and Community Transit Patrick Reinhart
  - Adult Changing Tables Chelsea Burke
  - Deaf and Hard of Hearing Child Bill of Rights Rich Saville/Patrick Reinhart
  - State Budget Funding Priorities (known to us now)
    - State Access and Functional Needs Coordinator Lanny Mommsen
    - Deaf Navigator Program Funding—Patrick Reinhart
- Reminders:
  - Meet Your Legislator Training and practice presenting the Council's Position Papers Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-2pm – Caitlin Poindexter

 Trust Joint Advocacy Meetings to start January 2025—Fridays 12:15-1:15pm over Zoom – Jamie Kokoszka

#### Update on Federal Issues and discussion:

- Federal updates (Patrick Reinhart)
- Other

#### Time and Date of Next Meeting:

• Thursday February 6<sup>th</sup>, 12pm-2pm "Meet Your Legislator" Training and practice presenting the Council's Position Papers

#### Juneau Council meeting and legislative visits:

• February  $10^{th} - 13^{th}$ 

## Good of the Order and Adjournment:

• Motion to Adjourn

#### Need to information on Legislation in Alaska?

Link to Alaska State Legislature page: <a href="https://w3.akleg.gov/index.php">https://w3.akleg.gov/index.php</a>

AKleg.gov is the place to track bills, locate and contact your legislators, and access committee information. Questions? Try the help wizard or call 907-465-4648.

#### SMS Bill Tracking tool from BASIS

(Bill Action & Status Inquiry System)

This tool allows you to keep up with the proposed bills throughout the legislative process by sending you up-to -date text alerts as hearings are scheduled and posted in BASIS, and bill status changes.

SMS Bill Tracking! Text a bill number (ex: HB1) to 559-245-2529 to enroll in text alerts. You will receive an enrollment confirmation and instructions on how to stop receiving the alerts.

Link to BASIS email alert sign up page: https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf\_login.asp?session=32

To learn more about the steps in the passage of a bill: <a href="https://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/passbill.pdf">https://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/passbill.pdf</a>

Track bills in BTMF:

https://www.akleg.gov/basis/btmf\_login.asp?session=33

Steps in the passage of a bill

https://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/passbill.pdf

Legislative Process

https://w3.akleg.gov/docs/pdf/legprocess.pdf

How to read a bill history https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/readbill.pdf

Abbreviations and acronyms

https://akleg.gov/docs/pdf/abbracro.pdf