

Legislative Commission on Surrogacy
June 28, 2016
Room 2412, Minnesota Senate Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Rep. Applebaum
Sen. Benson (via telephone)
Amy Dellwo, DHS (designee for Jim Koppel)
Sen. Dibble
Sen. Johnson
Rep. Lesch
Sen. Pappas
Dan Pollock, MDH
Rep. Pugh
Rep. Scott
Referee Stebbins
Sen. Ruud
Rep. Wills

Members Excused

Rep. Allen
Sen. Limmer

Senator Sandy Pappas, President, Minnesota Senate, convened the meeting of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy at 2:05 PM on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 in Room 2412 of the Minnesota Senate Building.

A quorum was present.

Members and staff introduced themselves.

Election of Chair

Members discussed the election of officers to the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy.

Sen. Dibble moved to elect Sen. Pappas as Chair of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy.

Rep. Wills moved to elect Rep. Scott and Sen. Johnson as Co-Chairs of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy.

Rep. Pugh moved to permit Sen. Benson to vote via telephone on the motions before the Commission.

Sen. Pappas, as acting chair, ruled to permit Sen. Benson to vote via telephone.

Sen. Pappas withdrew her name from consideration and recommended the Commission elect Sen. Johnson and Rep. Scott serve as the Commission Co-Chairs.

The vote was taken on the Wills motion. THE MOTION PREVAILED. Sen. Johnson and Rep. Scott were elected Co-Chairs of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy.

Sen. Johnson assumed the gavel.

Presentation on Status of Surrogacy in Minnesota

Kathy Pontius, Senate Counsel, presented an overview on legislative activity and court cases on surrogacy in Minnesota. Ms. Pontius also provided an overview on surrogacy laws and policies in other states.

Discussion on Commission Duties

Rep. Scott reviewed the Commission duties and topics for study from *Minnesota Session Laws 2016 Chp. 189, Art. 13, Sec. 66, Subd.5*. Members discussed the topic list and recommended additional information, topics and potential testifiers they would like to come before the Commission.

Scheduling

Members discussed setting a meeting schedule for the Commission and provided input on meeting times.

Public Testimony

Former Representative Kathy Tingelstad addressed the Commission.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 PM.