

Legislative Commission on Surrogacy
July 19, 2016
Room 2412, Minnesota Senate Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Sen. Johnson, Co-Chair
Rep. Scott, Co-Chair
Rep. Allen
Sen. Benson (via telephone)
Jim Koppel, DHS
Sen. Dibble
Rep. Lesch
Sen. Limmer
Sen. Pappas
Dan Pollock, MDH
Sen. Ruud
Rep. Wills

Members Excused

Rep. Applebaum
Rep. Pugh
Referee Stebbins

Rep. Scott, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy to order at 1:03 PM on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 in Room 2412 of the Minnesota Senate Building.

A quorum was present.

Rep. Lesch moved approval of the minutes from the June 28, 2016 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The following people provided testimony on the health and psychological effects and benefits on women who serve as surrogates and on the health and psychological effects and benefits on children born of surrogates.

- Kathy Sloan
- Matthew Eppinette, Executive Director of the Center for Bioethics and Culture
- Alana Newman, the founder of The Anonymous Us Project and director of the Coalition Against Reproductive Trafficking

- Erika Fuchs, Assistant Professor, Center for Interdisciplinary Research in Women's Health, The University of Texas Medical Branch
- Malina Simard-Halm, child born of surrogacy
- Abby Bergman, child born of surrogacy
- Elinor Poole-Dayan, child born of surrogacy
- Steven H. Snyder, Attorney at Law, LLC
- Ann Estes, gestational carrier
- Shawna Krieger, gestational carrier

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