

Legislative Commission on Surrogacy  
September 27, 2016  
Room 10, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Sen. Alice Johnson, Co-Chair  
Rep. Peggy Scott, Co-Chair  
Rep. Susan Allen (via telephone)  
Sen. Michelle Benson  
Sen. Scott Dibble  
Ralph McQuarter, DHS (designee for Jim Koppel)  
Rep. John Lesch  
Sen. Warren Limmer  
Dan Pollock, MDH  
Referee Stebbins  
Rep. Wills

Members Excused

Rep. Jon Applebaum  
Sen. Sandy Pappas  
Rep. Cindy Pugh  
Sen. Carrie Ruud

Rep. Scott, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy to order at 1:02 PM on Tuesday, September 27, 2016 in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Sen. Johnson moved approval of the minutes from the September 13, 2016 meeting. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Scott reviewed a revised work plan for the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy. The October 25, 2016 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for November 15, 2016. The November 10, 2016 meeting was cancelled and rescheduled for November 22, 2016.

Rep. Scott provided general comments regarding the format for the Commission's report to the Legislature.

Gary A. Debele (Berg, Debele, Desmidt & Rabuse, P.A.) and Jody Ollyver DeSmidt (Berg, Debele, Desmidt & Rabuse, P.A.) provided testimony on contract law implications when a surrogacy contract is breached;

potential conflicts with statutes governing private adoption and termination of parental rights; potential for legal conflicts related to third-party reproduction, including conflicts between or amongst the surrogate mother, the intended parents, the child, insurance companies, and medical professionals; and information provided to a child born of a surrogate about the child's biological and gestational parents.

The following people provided testimony on information provided to a child born of a surrogate about the child's biological and gestational parents:

Erica Strohl, parent that used a surrogate

Jill Wolfe, parent that used a surrogate

Cindy Rasmussen, parent that used a surrogate

Charles C. Coddington III (M.D., FCOG, CPE, FACPE, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Mayo Medical School Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Mayo Clinic) provided testimony on policies and processes related to assisted reproductive technologies and gestational carriers.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 PM.