

Legislative Commission on Surrogacy
October 11, 2016
Room 2412, Minnesota Senate Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

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

Members Excused

Rep. Applebaum
Sen. Limmer
Sen. Ruud
Referee Stebbins

Sen. Johnson, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy to order at 10:07 AM on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in Room 2412 of the Minnesota Senate Building.

A quorum was present.

Sen. Dibble moved approval of the minutes from the September 27, 2016 meeting. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Margaret E. Swain, Director, American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys, provided testimony on legislation related to gestational carrier agreements.

Meryl Rosenberg, American Academy of Assisted Reproductive Technology Attorneys, provided testimony on the best interest of the child standard and its applicability to gestational surrogacy.

Kathy Tingelstad, former legislator, provided testimony on the past, present and future of surrogacy in

Minnesota and presented an overview of the legislation she authored in 2008, SF 2695, related to gestational carrier arrangements.

Steve Snyder, Steven H. Snyder & Associates, provided testimony on state laws across the country related to surrogacy, the American Bar Association's Model Act Governing Assisted Reproductive Technology, a draft of revisions to the Uniform Parentage Act, and the Gestational Carrier Act.

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

Trish Ciro, parent that used a surrogate

Laura Dumont, parent that used a surrogate

Cathy Denker, surrogate

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:31 PM.