

Legislative Commission on Surrogacy
November 15, 2016
Room 10, State Office Building

Meeting Minutes

Members Present

Sen. Alice Johnson, Co-Chair
Rep. Peggy Scott, Co-Chair
Rep. Susan Allen
Jim Koppel, DHS
Rep. John Lesch
Sen. Sandy Pappas
Dan Pollock, MDH
Rep. Cindy Pugh
Referee Stebbins
Rep. Wills

Members Excused

Rep. Jon Applebaum
Sen. Michelle Benson
Sen. Scott Dibble
Sen. Warren Limmer
Sen. Carrie Ruud

Rep. Scott, Co-Chair, called the meeting of the Legislative Commission on Surrogacy to order at 1:11 PM on Tuesday, November 15, 2016 in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

A quorum was present.

Rep. Pugh moved approval of the minutes from the October 11, 2016 meeting. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Scott provided general comments regarding the remaining meetings of the Commission.

Rep. Scott spoke to the issue of members voting via telephone. She noted that legislative staff had indicated that voting via telephone was not permitted under the legislative open meeting law. Discussion ensued. It was determined to look further into this issue prior to the next meeting.

Kathy Pontius, Senate Counsel, presented an overview of Surrogacy Commission Issues and Recommendation Options.

Dr. Lisa Erickson provided testimony related to age requirements of both surrogates and intended parents.

Patricia Benham provided testimony related to international adoption.

Gary Debele, Berg, Debele, Desmidt & Rabuse, P.A., provided testimony related to international adoption, surrogacy contract requirements and residency requirements.

Steve Snyder, Steven H. Snyder & Associates, provided testimony related to residency requirements and the Uniform Parentage Act.

Rep. Scott called a recess at 2:33 PM.

Rep. Scott called the meeting back to order at 2:59 PM.

David Smolin, Harwell G. Davis Professor of Constitutional Law and Director of the Center for Children, Law and Ethics at the Cumberland School of Law, presented on surrogacy, international law and standards, and parentage contracts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:27 PM.