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To: Members of the Seclusion Working Group

From: Andrew George

RE: Legislative Open Meeting Law

Legislative Open Meeting Law Memorandum

As a legislative subdivision, the Seclusion Working Group should abide by the Legislative Open Meeting Law (Minn. Stat. § 3.055), which provides that its meetings "shall be open to the public" and defines meeting as any instance where (1) "a quorum is present," and (2) "action is taken regarding a matter within jurisdiction of the body." The law allows for meetings to be conducted through "interactive television," including the use of online video conferencing tools.

The Seclusion Working Group has 16 members. Under the Legislative Open Meeting Law, a quorum of the Working Group is 9 members. If the Working Group establishes subcommittees, a quorum is a majority of the members of that group. Further, a member participating in a meeting remotely via "interactive television" (Zoom) is considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum.