

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 19, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman  
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman  
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner  
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner  
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division  
Tina Shorten, Consumer Assistance Program Manager  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division  
Brian DeKiep, Utility Division

(57) In the matter of Legislative bills relevant to the PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns.

Commissioner Lake moved to OPPOSE HB 477. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion.

Commissioner Lake moved to WITHDRAW his previous motion and moved to MONITOR HB477 with information. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 3 to 2. Chairman Gallagher and Commissioner Koopman voted no.

Commissioner Kavulla moved to MONITOR HB 475. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chairman Gallagher moved to OPPOSE HB 475. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla voted no.

Commissioner Lake moved to MONITOR SB 325. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lake moved to SUPPORT SB 327. Commissioner Kavulla seconded the motion, which passed 4 to 1. Commissioner Kavulla voted no.

Commissioner Koopman moved to OPPOSE SB 153. Commissioner Lake seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 20, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman  
Bob Lake, Vice Chairman  
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner  
Travis Kavulla, Commissioner  
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division  
Staci Litschauer, Administrator, Centralized Services  
Justin Kraske, Legal Division

(58) In the matter of Legislative bills relevant to the PSC mission, statutory authority, administrative process and general agency concerns.

In the Commission's discussion of HB 525:

Commissioner Lake moved to INSTRUCT staff to discuss with Legislative Services on getting the fiscal note to be as accurate as possible; and that we should try to avoid giving a fiscal note but if staff is forced to do one then the response is indeterminate that "we don't know". There may be short term consequences as result of the legislation. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Judy Scheier  
Assistant Commission Secretary

(SEAL)

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on February 21, 2013, the following members were present:

Bill Gallagher, Chairman  
Kirk Bushman, Commissioner  
Roger Koopman, Commissioner

Commissioner Lake and Commissioner Kavulla left their proxies with Chairman Gallagher.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator, Regulatory Division

(59) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of February 11, 2013.

Commissioner Bushman moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of February 11, 2013. Commissioner Koopman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

(60) In the matter of out of state staff travel of Joel Tierney's travel to Rapid City SD, April 1-5, 2013 to conduct a joint drug and alcohol inspection of MDU with pipeline safety staff from South Dakota, North Dakota and Wyoming.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the travel request. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Angelina Hall, Centralized Service  
Staci Litschauer, Administrator, Centralized Services

(61) In the matter of excess annual leave extension for Ann Purcell.

Commissioner Koopman moved to APPROVE the time extension for Ann Purcell. Chairman Gallagher seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Staci Litschauer, Administrator, Centralized Services  
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(62) In the matter of use of consulting budget to bring network cabling up to industry standards.

Chairman Gallagher moved TO USE up to \$20,000 of consulting budget to contract with SITSD to bring our cabling up to the industry standard, upgrade phone systems, and resolve network connectivity issues. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE  
Chairman Bill Gallagher

(63) In the matter of opening the position for Centralized Service Division Administrator.

Chairman moved to NOTICE the position of Centralized Service Division Administrator keeping the March 15, 2013 application deadline; that we advertise with the salary range as being between \$50,000 to \$67,000; otherwise we issue the notice as it is written in the work session request. Commissioner Bushman seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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W. A. GALLAGHER, Chairman

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BOB LAKE Vice Chairman

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KIRK BUSHMAN, Commissioner

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TRAVIS KAVULLA, Commissioner

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ROGER KOOPMAN, Commissioner

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