

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at 9:32 a.m., the following members were present:

James Brown, Chairman  
Brad Johnson, Vice Chairman, via Zoom  
Tony O'Donnell, Commissioner, via Zoom  
Jennifer Fielder, Commissioner, via Zoom  
Randy Pinocci, Commissioner, via Zoom

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

APPEARANCE

Patricia Trooien, Commission Secretary

(157) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes for the week of July 12, 2021.

Vice Chairman Johnson moved to APPROVE the Commission Minutes for the week of July 12, 2021. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Chairman Brown moved into a recess due to technical difficulties at 9:50 a.m.

Chairman Brown moved out of recess at 9:55 a.m. and closed the meeting to consider Work Session 2.

STATEMENT

James Brown, Chairman, District 3

The presiding officer of any meeting may close the meeting during the time discussion relates to a matter of individual privacy and if the presiding officer determines the demands of individual privacy clearly exceed the merits of public disclosure. The discussion in this session will involve evaluation of job applicants and consideration of the appointment of one or more applicants to fill open positions within the agency. As such, I have determined that the privacy interests of the individual(s), which will be the subject of this meeting outweigh the merits of public disclosure. Accordingly, as the presiding officer of this meeting, Chairman Brown closed this meeting to the public. The regular Business Meeting will reconvene following the closed work session, technology willing.

*CLOSED WORK SESSION*

Jennifer Fielder, Commissioner, District 4

Commissioners convened in the Commission Conference Room at 10:14 a.m. for consideration of the appointment of the Business Manager and Executive Director positions.

(158) In the matter of recommendation and discussion on filling the Business Manager position.

Commissioner Fielder moved the Commission APPOINT Tina Limesand to the exempt position of Business Manager for DPSR, subject to acceptable terms of employment to be negotiated by the Chairman. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

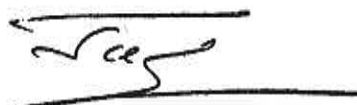
(159) In the matter of recommendation and discussion on filling the Executive Director position.

Commissioner Fielder moved the Commission APPOINT Erik Wilkerson to the exempt position of Executive Director for DPSR, subject to acceptable terms of employment to be negotiated by the Chairman. Commissioner O'Donnell seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

STATEMENT

James Brown, Chairman, District 3

Due to technical difficulties the Commission meeting was adjourned at 12:38 p.m. Work Session 2021.02.022 – NorthWestern Energy has been rescheduled for July 26, 2021, at 11:00 a.m.



JAMES BROWN, Chairman



BRAD JOHNSON, Vice Chairman



TONY O'DONNELL, Commissioner



RANDALL PINOCCI, Commissioner



JENNIFER FIELDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:



Patricia Trooien, Commission Secretary

