

Senate Committee

COMMITTEE MINUTES for HUMAN RESOURCES

Date: *March 21, 2016*

Location: *RM 22*

Convened: *3:00 PM*

Adjourned: *3:20 PM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Mathis-CH, Ragan-VC, Johnson-RM, Allen, Bolkcom, Costello, Dotzler, Garrett, Jochum, Segebart, Wilhelm

Absent:

Excused: Senators Chelgren, Taylor

Committee Chair, Mathis called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Committee minutes from March 9th and March 16th meetings were approved.

Governor Appointee Subcommittee Reports

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Dotzler for the reports on Jeannette Martinez to the Commission of Latino Affairs and Lorene Mein to the Commission on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control. Senator Dotzler recommended the appointments to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Jochum for the reports on Marsha Edgington to the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission; Joe Hickey to the Commission of Persons with Disabilities; Christopher Kamm to the Board of Athletic Training; and Sharon Lambert to the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission. Senator Jochum recommended the appointments to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Wilhelm for the reports on Prakash Kopparapu to the Commission of Persons with Disabilities; Erik Oostenink to the Board of Behavioral Science; Rebecca Peterson to the Mental Health and Disabilities Services Commission; Juan Rodriguez to the Commission of Latino Affairs; and Richard Stone to the Commission on Aging. Senator Wilhelm recommended the appointments to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Wilhelm for the report on Lindsey Nielsen to the Board of Behavioral Science. Senator Wilhelm reported that Lindsey Nielsen is presently living and working in Minnesota, therefore, cannot be recommended for appointment confirmation. Senator Wilhelm has discussed this with the Governor's Office and a letter of withdrawal will be prepared.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Allen for the reports on Marlu Abarca to the Commission of Latino Affairs; Michele (Micki) Sandquist to the Commission on Tobacco Use Prevention and Control; Jill Struyk to the Board of Behavioral Science; and Sarah Thomas to the Board of Behavioral Science. Senator Allen recommended the appointments to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Bolkcom for the reports on Christopher Wiedmann to the Board of Athletic Training and Kimberly Kudej to the Council on Human Services. Senator

Bolkcom recommended the appointments to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Mathis turned the meeting over to Vice Chair Senator Ragan.

Senator Ragan recognized Senator Mathis for the reports on Michael B. Ballard to the Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Translitterators; Susan Tyrrell to the Board of Sign Language Interpreters and Translitterators; and Melissa Walker to the Commission to the Tobacco Use Prevention and Control. Senator Mathis recommended the appointments to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Ragan returned the meeting to Chair Senator Mathis.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Ragan for the report on Marilyn Seemann to the Mental Health and Disability Services Commission. Senator Ragan recommended the appointment to the Senate En Bloc Calendar for confirmation.

Senator Mathis recognized Senator Ragan for the appointment of Dr. Mariannette Miller-Meeks to the Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (HAWK-I) Board. Senator Ragan recommended the appointment move to the Senate Individual Calendar without recommendation.

Senator Mathis asked the Committee members how they would like to vote on the recommended Governor Appointees. Short form was requested for the En Bloc Confirmation Calendar. Voting for the Governor Appointees to the En bloc Confirmation Calendar: Senators Mathis, Ragan, Johnson, Allen, Bolkcom, Costello, Dotzler, Garrett, Jochum, Segebart, and Wilhelm. Senators Chelgren and Taylor absent.

The remaining three Governor Appointee Subcommittee Reports will be received at the next Human Resources Committee on Wednesday, March 23rd.

Senator Mathis announced the agenda for the March 23rd meeting. Senators are encouraged to bring constituent questions. The presenters are Mikki Stier, Medicaid Director for a brief update on CMS Readiness Criteria and a panel of MCO providers.

Senator Johnson moved that the meeting adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Senator Liz Mathis

Molly Clause, Committee Secretary