

**MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**2021-2023 Biennium**  
June 21, 2023

The Statute Law Committee held its fourth meeting of the 2021-2023 biennium as a hybrid conference with some attendees in person and others via Zoom.

Members present: Chair Roger Goodman (RG), Vice Chair Taylor Wonhoff (TW), Bernard Dean (BD), Jamie Pedersen (JP), Sarah Bannister (SB), Kim Johnson (KJ), Jill Reinmuth (JR), Kyle Sciuchetti (KDS), and Sam Thompson (ST).

Members absent: Peter Abbarno (PA).

Also in attendance: Kathleen Buchli (KB), Code Reviser and Secretary to the committee; Mark Lally (ML), Deputy Code Reviser; Alice Im (AI), Senior Assistant Code Reviser; Kevin Shotwell (KS), Assistant Code Reviser; Jennifer Meas (JM), Washington State Register Editor; and Shayne O'Grady (SO), Administrative Assistant.

**Agenda Item I.** Chair Roger Goodman (RG) called the meeting to order at 12:04 PM. Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

**Agenda Item II.** TW moved to approve the minutes of the November 22, 2022, meeting, seconded by JP. All in attendance voted to approve. The minutes were adopted.

**Agenda Item III.** AI updated the committee on publications. The 2023 Session Laws (SL) became available online on June 14, 2023. Printed copies will be available in July. 175 sets will be printed immediately, after which copies will be printed as needed. This is a decrease from last year. When the Code Reviser's Office (CRO) has completed codification, the 2023 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) online edition will be the official publication and should be available in August or September.

**Agenda Item IV.** ML provided an overview of the multiple amendment review process. The members discussed the process and how conflicts are resolved. TW made a motion to approve the CRO's recommendation for the 2023 multiple amendment table, seconded by KDS. All in attendance voted to approve and the motion carried.

**Agenda Item V.** KB shared an overview of the CRO financial budget. Docking stations, monitors, and laptops are being purchased responsibly and the office is on track to send back \$550,000 to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year. The publications account has a balance of \$881,772.34 and reflects purchases of books as well as moneys received from publishers for access to the code.

**Agenda Item VI.** KB updated the members on working with fellow legislative directors and Legislative Support Services regarding how employees were grouped to fit into the new salary schedule. ST made a motion to approve the Code Reviser's annual step increase, seconded by BD. All in attendance voted to approve and the motion carried.

**Agenda Item VII.** KS shared an overview on procedural differences between the House and Senate as relevant to the work of the CRO. Members present discussed the differences.

**Agenda Item VIII.** KB presented a statistical overview of the number of bill drafts passing through the CRO.

JM updated all present on the scanning project. All boxes have been scanned. The next step is to ready the boxes to send to Archives.

KB provided an overview of staffing levels, hiring, and retention. The office is currently fully staffed but may be hiring soon. Most new employees prefer the option of working remotely and this is a hiring incentive.

Chair RG thanked members for participation and adjourned the meeting at 1:10 PM, the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

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ROGER GOODMAN, Chair                      Date

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KATHLEEN BUCHLI, Secretary