

MINUTES OF THE STATUTE LAW COMMITTEE MEETING
2021-2023 Biennium
May 26, 2022

The Statute Law Committee held its second meeting of the 2021-2023 biennium as a Zoom conference.

Agenda Item I. Chair Roger Goodman (RG) called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. Members and others in attendance introduced themselves.

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

Members absent: Sharon Brown.

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; Jennifer Meas (JM), Washington State Register Editor; Jessica Braatz (JB), Fiscal Officer and Administrative Assistant; Shayne O'Grady (SO), Administrative Assistant.

Agenda Item II. JP moved to approve the minutes of the November 23, 2021, meeting, seconded by TW. All in attendance voted to approve. The minutes were adopted.

Agenda Item III. AI updated the committee on publications. The Code Reviser's Office (CRO) is working on codification of the 2022 Session Laws. The Session Laws (SL) are available online and hard copies are being printed. 150 sets will be printed immediately, after which copies will be printed as needed. The 2022 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) will be updated online, and hard copies will be printed as soon as codification is finished.

JM gave an update on the Washington State Register (WSR). As of January, the WSR has not been printed as a 2-column publication and is provided as a 1-column publication for those clients who have requested paper copies.

Agenda Item IV. ML provided an overview of the multiple amendment review process. The members discussed the process and how conflicts are

resolved. JP made a motion to approve the CRO's recommendation for the 2022 multiple amendment table, seconded by TW. All in attendance voted to approve and the motion carried.

Agenda Item V. KB discussed indenting certain sections of the RCW. This is a follow up to Representative Stokesbary's bill which would have required indenting the RCW at the paragraph level and made the readability of sub-sections clearer. Paragraphing will work in some sections and not others at this point. KB continues to work with Leg-Tech regarding the formatting changes and discussed the process toward making the online version of the RCW official.

Agenda Item VI. KB shared an overview of the CRO financial budget. The publications account has a current balance of \$866,489 and the office is on track to send back \$433,000 to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year.

Agenda Item VII. KB provided an overview of the transition of the CRO's routine accounting activities being taken over by the Legislative Support Services (LSS). LSS has requested that their fiscal office be allowed to sign on as approving authorities where a fiscal officer's signature is required for the office. The members discussed this and made clarifications. JP made a motion, seconded by PA, to allow Legislative Support Services' fiscal officer to sign as an approving authority when a fiscal officer's signature is required for the office. This authority allows the fiscal officer to sign off on the Code Reviser's annual step increase if approved at the spring meeting of the Statute Law Committee. This authority does not allow the fiscal officer to sign off on other additional compensation; other increases to the Code Reviser's salary are at the discretion of the Statute Law Committee. All in attendance voted to approve and the motion carried.

Agenda Item VIII. KB discussed the Hopper, in-person and virtual. The committee discussed the technological issues with allowing multiple signatures on the virtual signature sheet.

Chair RG suggested the next Statute Law Committee meeting take place during Committee Days in December.

Chair RG thanked members for participation and adjourned the meeting at 11:54 AM, the next meeting to be held at the call of the Chair.

ROGER GOODMAN, Chair

Date

KATHLEEN BUCHLI, Secretary