

**MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF PERSONNEL APPEALS
1805 Prospect Ave, Conference Room B, Second Floor
Zoom Meeting
Helena, Montana
9:00 a.m.
April 21, 2022**

Call to Order – Establish Quorum – Introduction of Board & Staff Members Present: (00:01:17)

Members Present via Zoom:

Brian Hopkins, Board Chair
Jenny Stringer, Management Member
Brooke Shelley, Labor Member

Staff Present via Zoom:

Theresa Sroczyk, Dispute Resolution Section Manager
Trisha Kinsella, Board Secretary
Haley Nelson, Attorney, Department of Labor
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Approval of Minutes for October 21, 2021, meeting (03:36)

Member Jenny Stringer moved to approve the October 21, 2021, meeting minutes. Board Chair Hopkins seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Minutes of the October meeting are approved.

Public Opportunity to Comment (2-3-103 MCA) (04:52):

There were no comments by the Public.

Board Action – Public Participation Rules (05:31):

Attorney Haley Nelson speaks about the Montana Department of Labor and Industry Proposed Amendment of BOPA rules, 24.26.201 Adoption of Organizational and Public Participation Rules.

Nelson summarized how the Department of Labor and Industry State Agency has always been subject to the public participation laws under the State of Montana. This was written in 1972 to keep public meetings public. This was so people knew what was going on in state government and thus making it so they could participate in it. As a department we are subject to the model rules that the attorney general puts out and decided to be in full compliance with the applicable statutes under title 2- that we wanted to adopt our own public participation rules. The new rules are listed 1-3 specifying how we want public participation to look. These rules will be applicable to the entire department. Approval of this rule made by the board is to make sure that we're standard across the department and we're clear that public participation is a value of the department.

Board Chair Hopkins made a motion that the board approve the proposed amendments to administrative rules 24.26 that are proposed today that reference the department of labor and industry rules that regard public participation and other proposed changes that were set forth. Stringer seconded the motion. The motion as approved, and the meeting proceeded.

Staff/Attorney Comments (15:55):

Theresa Sroczyk and Haley Nelson stated they had no comments at this time.

Miscellaneous (16:16):

There was no miscellaneous business.

Scheduling of Next Meeting (16:48):

Theresa Sroczyk reported that the scheduling of the next meeting will be held in May or June depending on the availability of board members. The next meeting is TBD.

Meeting adjourned. (21:58)

There being no further business to come before the Board, member Stringer moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Shelley seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned.

