

HOUSE BUDGET REVIEW SUBCOMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC PROTECTION, TOURISM, AND ENERGY

Minutes of the 1st Meeting of the 2025 Regular Session

February 5, 2025

Call to Order and Roll Call

The first meeting of the House Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Protection, Tourism, and Energy of the House Standing Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on February 5, 2025, at 12:00 PM in Room 171 of the Capitol Annex. Representative Chris Fugate, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Representatives Chris Fugate Chair; Shawn McPherson Vice Chair; Representatives Kim King, Matthew Lehman, and Susan Witten.

Guests: Gordon Slone, Commissioner, Department for Natural Resources; David Fields, Deputy Commissioner, Department for Natural Resources

LRC Staff: Mariah Derringer-Lackey, Joseph Holt, Sara Rome, and Spring Emerson.

Energy and Environment Cabinet

Commissioner Slone and Deputy Commissioner Fields presented information on the Division of Mine Safety and its Specialist positions.

In response to a question from Chair Fugate regarding unfilled positions, Deputy Commissioner Fields said there is adequate staffing and any new vacancies will not be refilled.

In response to a question from Chair Fugate regarding the number of mines that were active in 2017, Commissioner Slone replied that the information will be provided to the committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.