

# **INTERIM JOINT COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS AND REVENUE**

## **Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Protection**

### **Minutes of the 4th Meeting of the 2020 Interim**

**September 16, 2020**

#### **Call to Order and Roll Call**

The 4th meeting of the Budget Review Subcommittee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Environmental Protection of the Interim Joint Committee on Appropriations and Revenue was held on Wednesday, September 16, 2020, at 8:30 AM, in Room 154 of the Capitol Annex. Senator Rick Girdler, Chair, called the meeting to order, and the secretary called the roll.

Present were:

Members: Senator Rick Girdler, Co-Chair; Representative Lynn Bechler, Co-Chair; Senators Morgan McGarvey and Max Wise; Representatives Terri Branham Clark, David Hale, Savannah Maddox, Bart Rowland, Dean Schamore, and Russell Webber.

Guests: Kasey Maier, President, Waterfront Botanical Gardens.

LRC Staff: Sara Rome, Kevin Newton, Joseph Holt, and Benjamin Thompson

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Representative Webber made the motion to approve the minutes from the August 19, 2020 meeting. Representative Hale seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved without objection.

#### **Waterfront Botanical Gardens**

Ms. Maier provided a short video of the Waterfront Botanical Gardens facilities along with testimony for future plans. The Waterfront Botanical Gardens are requesting \$350,000 for a pedestrian walkway into the property.

In response to a question from Representative Webber, Ms. Maier confirmed that the Waterfront Botanical Gardens opened in October of 2019. Ms. Maier noted that between October of 2019 and March 14 of 2020, the gardens had received over 100,000 visitors and that there is no fee to enter.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 AM.