

MINUTES  
**SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Tuesday, February 22, 2022

**TIME:** 1:30 P.M.

**PLACE:** Room WW53

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Den Hartog, Vice Chairman Woodward, Senators Winder, Lodge, Rice, Vick, Nelson, and Wintrow

**ABSENT/ EXCUSED:** Senator Crabtree

**NOTE:** The sign-in sheet, testimonies and other related materials will be retained with the minutes in the committee's office until the end of the session and will then be located on file with the minutes in the Legislative Services Library.

**CONVENED:** With a quorum present, **Chair Den Hartog** convened the meeting of the Senate Transportation Committee (Committee) at 1:34 P.M.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** **Senator Vick** moved to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2022. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL APPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Appointment of Gary Osborn, of Troy, Idaho, to the Idaho Transportation Board.** **Chair Den Hartog** asked if there were any objections to confirming Mr. Osborn's appointment to the Idaho Transportation Board. There were none.

**MOTION:** **Senator Nelson** moved to send the gubernatorial appointment of Gary Osborn to the Idaho Transportation Board to the floor with the recommendation he be confirmed. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Gary Osborn, of Troy, Idaho, to the Idaho Transportation Board.** **Chair Den Hartog** asked if there were any objections to confirming Mr. Osborn's reappointment to the Idaho Transportation Board. There were none.

**MOTION:** **Senator Nelson** moved to send the gubernatorial reappointment of Gary Osborn to the Idaho Transportation Board to the floor with the recommendation he be confirmed. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT VOTE:** **Committee Vote on the Gubernatorial Reappointment of John Blakley, of Nampa, ID, to the Aeronautics Advisory Board.** **Chair Den Hartog** asked if there were any objections to confirming Mr. Blakley's appointment to the Aeronautics Advisory Board. There were none.

**MOTION:** **Senator Woodward** moved to send the gubernatorial reappointment of John Blakely to the Aeronautics Advisory Board to the floor with the recommendation he be confirmed. **Senator Wintrow** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Chair Den Hartog passed the gavel to Vice Chairman Woodward.

**HCR 33:** **BRIAN NESS - States findings of the Legislature and commends the director of the Idaho Transportation Department for his years of service and wishes him well in his retirement. Chair Den Hartog** took the podium to explain this concurrent resolution was developed to honor Brian Ness and his 13 years of service to the State of Idaho and Committee. Mr. Ness made improvements at ITD while simultaneously implementing reductions in regulations and management levels. **Chair Den Hartog** emphasized that Mr. Ness placed employees at the forefront during his tenure and greatly increased employee retention.

**MOTION:** **Senator Vick** moved to send **HCR 33** to the floor with a do pass recommendation. **Senator Lodge** seconded the motion. The motion carried by **voice vote**.

**PASSED THE GAVEL:** Vice Chairman Woodward passed the gavel to Chair Den Hartog.

**PRESENTATION & DISCUSSION:** **Page Farewell – Aurelia Anderson of Rigby, ID. Chair Den Hartog** requested that Ms. Anderson reflect on what she learned during her time serving the Committee and the Senate. **Ms. Anderson** stated she learned that within the Committee far more is handled than just transportation. She found it enlightening to hear all of the bills, resolutions, gubernatorial appointments and more. **Ms. Anderson** emphasized the biggest thing learned was that the Senators really do have ID residents' best interests at heart.

**Chair Den Hartog** asked Ms. Anderson about her plans for the future. **Ms. Anderson** explained her goals included joining the National Guard upon turning 18. Once complete she stated intentions to become an esthetician, followed by a mission for her church. After her return she would go to college to study Forensic Psychology in pursuit of a Ph.D.

**Chair Den Hartog** commended Ms. Anderson for her service and the high standard she set during her time as a Page. **Ms. Anderson** stepped up to the dais to receive and open her appreciation gifts in front of the Committee. Included were a folder with letters of thanks, an engraved necklace pendant with the State Seal, plus a laser cut State of Idaho vehicle license plate wall hanging.

**Senator Vick** asked what Ms. Anderson found to be the biggest surprise while serving. **Ms. Anderson** remarked on the number of people that served behind the scenes in the Legislature and worked together to pass laws.

**ADJOURNED:** There being no further business at this time, **Chair Den Hartog** adjourned the meeting at 1:45 P.M.

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Senator Den Hartog  
Chair

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Cara Beyenka  
Secretary