

MINUTES
SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

DATE: Wednesday, February 14, 2024

TIME: 3:00 P.M.

PLACE: Room WW55

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chairman Lent, Senators Den Hartog, Nichols, Carlson, Herndon, Ward-Engelking, Semmelroth

ABSENT/ EXCUSED: Vice Chairman Toews, Senator Lenney

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CONVENED: **Chairman Lent** called the meeting of the Senate Education Committee (Committee) to order at 3:05 p.m.

INTRODUCTION: **Honoring the Page. Chairman Lent** invited Simon Salisbury, Senate Education Page, to share about his page experience. **Mr. Salisbury** spoke about his impressions working as a page and about what he learned. He expressed gratitude for the opportunity. **Chairman Lent** presented Mr. Salisbury with a gift from the Committee and wished him well.

GUBERNATORIAL REAPPOINTMENT: **Committee Consideration of the Gubernatorial Reappointment of Cally Roach of Fairfield, Idaho, to the State Board of Education to serve a term commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring July 1, 2028.** Ms. Roach introduced herself and shared about her background as a rural Idahoan and non-traditional student. She spoke about her professional experiences in private industry and about her community service. She shared that her philosophy of education was to recognize that Idaho was evolving and changing and that education must be more responsive to the needs of students and families. She expressed support for math and literacy improvement initiatives, Career Technical Education (CTE), and more collaboration in higher education to avoid wasteful duplication. She offered that her rural background provided her a unique perspective.

DISCUSSION: **Senator Herndon** asked Ms. Roach to comment on the challenge of credits earned at two year institutions not always transferring to four year institutions. Ms. Roach said improvements had been made in this area, but that there was still work to be done. **Senator Lenney** asked for thoughts on areas of improvement in education. Ms. Roach said that not pivoting more quickly to students' educational needs was an area to be improved.

ADJOURNED: There being no further business at this time, **Chairman Lent** adjourned the meeting at 3:24 p.m.

Senator Lent
Chair

Lisa Stein
Secretary