

**ALASKA STATE LEGISLATURE  
LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

**JUNE 25, 2021  
9:00 AM**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Sara Hannan, Chair  
Senator Lora Reinbold, Vice Chair  
Representative Bryce Edgmon  
Representative Neal Foster  
Representative Louise Stutes  
Representative Cathy Tilton  
Senator Click Bishop  
Senator Lyman Hoffman  
Senator Peter Micciche  
Senator Bert Stedman  
Senator Gary Stevens

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Representative Matt Claman  
Representative Chris Tuck  
Senator Shelley Hughes (alternate)  
Senator Mike Shower

**OTHER MEMBERS PRESENT**

Representative Harriet Drummond  
Representative Kevin McCabe  
Senator Tom Begich  
Senator Jesse Kiehl  
Senator David Wilson

**AGENDA**

CALL TO ORDER  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
CONTRACT APPROVALS  
COMMITTEE BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SESSION  
ADJOURN

**SPEAKER REGISTER**

Jessica Geary, Executive Director, Legislative Affairs  
Agency

[9:03:25 AM](#)

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR HANNAN called the Legislative Council meeting to order at 9:03 AM in the House Finance Committee Room. Present at the call were: Representatives Edgmon, Foster, Hannan, Stutes, Tilton; Senators Bishop, Hoffman, Micciche, Reinbold, Stedman, and Stevens.

Members absent were: Representatives Claman and Tuck; Senators Hughes (alternate) and Shower.

Eleven members present.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

[9:04:39 AM](#)

VICE-CHAIR REINBOLD moved and asked unanimous consent that the Legislative Council approve the agenda as presented.

CHAIR HANNAN, seeing no objections, said the agenda was approved.

**III. COMMITTEE BUSINESS - EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Briefing on Administration Lawsuit against Legislative Affairs Agency**
- B. FY22 Operations of the Legislative Branch**
- C. Authorization for Chair to give direction in legal matters/approval of contracting Stoel Rives, LLP, to represent Legislative Affairs Agency.**

CHAIR HANNAN explained the items to be discussed in Executive Session and asked for a motion.

[9:05:29 AM](#)

VICE-CHAIR REINBOLD moved that the Legislative Council go into Executive Session under Uniform Rule 22(B)(1) discussion of matters, the immediate knowledge of which would adversely affect the finances of a government unit; and (3) discussion of a matter that may, by law, be required to be confidential. The following individuals may remain in the room or on-line: Jessica Geary, Megan Wallace, Emily Nauman, Hilary Martin, any Legislators not on Legislative Council, and any staff of Legislative Council members.

CHAIR HANNAN made a slight amendment and allowed the following individuals to remain in the room or on-line as well: Helen Phillips, Bree Wiley, and Jodi Murdock, to which there was no objection. The Chair requested a roll call vote.

9:06:35 AM

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Representatives Edgmon, Foster, Hannan, Stutes, Tilton; Senators Bishop, Micciche, Hoffman, Reinbold, Stedman, and Stevens.

NAYS: none

The motion passed 11-0.

9:07:10 AM

Council went into Executive Session.

10:17:50 AM

Council came out of Executive Session.

CHAIR HANNAN announced action items coming out of Executive Session, the first of which was regarding the FY22 Operations of the Legislative Branch.

10:18:10 AM

SENATE PRESIDENT MICCICHE moved Legislative Council under the authority of AS 24.20.140 authorize temporary use of existing legislative capital funds for the operations of the Legislative Branch beginning July 1 until such time as FY22 operating funds are available, at which time expended funds will be returned.

CHAIR HANNAN asked if there was any discussion on the motion, then called for a vote.

10:18:47 AM

A roll call vote was taken.

YEAS: Representatives Edgmon, Foster, Hannan, Stutes; Senators Bishop, Micciche, Hoffman, Reinbold, Stedman, Stevens.

NAYS: None.

The motion passed 10-0 and was adopted.

[10:19:45 AM](#)

SENATE PRESIDENT MICCICHE moved that Legislative Council authorize the Chair to give direction to Legal Services and/or Outside Counsel in any pending legal matters, and any new legal matters related to the fiscal year 2022 budget. He further moved that Legislative Council authorize a legal services contract with and provide payment to Stoel Rives, LLP, to represent the Legislative Affairs Agency in matters relating to the fiscal year 2022 budget.

CHAIR HANNAN objected to give Ms. Geary, Ms. Nauman, or members the opportunity to speak to the record before the vote.

MS. GEARY stated she had nothing to put on the record.

The Chair requested a roll call vote.

[10:20:45 AM](#)

A roll call vote was taken

YEAS: Representatives Edgmon, Foster, Hannan, Stutes; Senators Bishop, Micciche, Hoffman, Reinbold, Stedman, Stevens.

NAYS: None.

The motion was adopted 10-0.

#### **IV. ADJOURN**

CHAIR HANNAN said with no further business today, Council will adjourn.

[10:21:31 AM](#)