

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, January 7, 2021

11:00 AM in Zoom and YouTube Channel 2D

The meeting was called to order at 11:02AM by Chairman, Sen. Lesser M. S09.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Lesser M. S09; Anwar S. S03; Hwang T. S28; Cabrera J. S17; Maroney J. S14

Representatives: Wood K. 029; Comey R. 102; Pavalock-D'Amato C. 077; Dathan L. 142; Delnicki T. 014; Farrar K. 020; Luxenberg G. 012; Nuccio T. 053; Perillo J. 113; Polletta J. 068; Riley E. 046; Rochelle K. 104

Absent were:

Senators:

Representatives: Meskers S. 150

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 convened the meeting and welcomed returning and new members and new elects to the Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

He states Insurance and Real Estate is an important committee tackling the healthcare crisis and economic crisis which stems from healthcare.

He is grateful to co-with Rep. Wood, K. 29.

Rep. Wood, K. 29 welcomed new members and staff and thanks them for their great work. She stated that all eyes are on the committee and she has bi-partisan style, and a background in real estate.

She would like to expand the real estate portion but realizes that insurance takes precedence this session.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 welcomed new ranking member Sen. Hwang, T. S28 .

Sen. Hwang, T. S28 stated the impact of COIVD on our lives and legislating, but is excited to back on the committee and many issues are on this committee.

Sen. Hwang, T. S28 also applauded Rep. Wood, K. 29 for recognizing Real Estate as a part of this committee and cites viable solutions necessary or the future.

Rep. Pavalock-D'Amato, C. 77 the returning Ranking Member, stated goals are the focus of the committee, and sees that the committee holds similar goals.

She asked Sen Lesser, M.S0 to explain the virtual meetings for the public and testimony.

Committee Clerk Diane Kubeck gave remarks on virtual streaming and will give the committee updates in the future and gave information on FOIA in regards to the chat on Zoom.

Sen. Lesser, M. S09 introduced new Vice Chairs Sen. Anwar, S. S03 and Rep. Comey, R. 102.

Sen. Anwar, S. S03 stated he is looking forward working on the committee.

Rep. Comey, R. 102 expressed she is happy to be on the committee and there is a lot of experience across the committee.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Sen Lesser, M S09 opened floor for remarks from the committee.

Rep Farrar, K 020 states she is newly sworn in, this is her first committee meeting. She cited CT's long recovery ahead, interested in expanding affordable and accessible care and Real Estate development.

Sen Maroney, J S14 is returning to the Committee, interests shared with previous speakers. He calls insurance a top state industry, and wants to keep it in the forefront.

Rep Rochelle, K 104—shared her interest of economic impact of insurance policies.

Rep Meskers, S 150—portrayed his background in finance and banking and insights into underwriting. He echoes affordability concerns, regulatory environment interests to bring work to CT. RE dev crucial going forward to grow econ activity.

Rep Nuccio, T 053--30+ years of financial exp, and 23 years of INS. She is looking forward to insurance policy that translates well into practice, mental health parity and incentives in the network, And also Real Estate to stimulate growth, and crumbling foundations.

INTRODUCTION OF STAFF

Sen Lesser, M. S09 then introduced the staff for the session. The clerk is Diane Kubeck, Sen. Lesser stated he is grateful for her work over summer and beforehand with the virtual meetings and hearings.

Brian Valko is the LCO representative, and Janet Kaminski-Leduc and Alex Reger are the OLR representatives.

Sen Lesser, M S09 then reminded the committee members to complete and return contact forms, and they should have received zoom etiquette guidelines.

The next tentative committee meeting is Tuesday, January 12 to raise concepts.

Attendance will be held open till 1:00PM via the Zoom link and recessed the meeting at 11:49AM.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00PM.

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Administrator

Diane Kubeck/Logan Cotter
Committee Clerk