

# Inside the Legislative Process Committee Meeting Minutes

2017 NCSL Legislative Summit  
Boston  
Sunday, Aug. 6, 2017

## Call to Order

The meeting of the Inside the Legislative Process Committee was called to order by Corey Carnahan (Kan.), chair.

## Attendance

The following members of the committee were present: Donna Holiday (Ky.), Vice Chair Sarah Bannister (Wash.), Barrett Dudley (Ark.), Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.).

Other members/guests in attendance included Hugh Ady (Ore.), Cynthia Aiken (S.C.), Isabella Ilobah, Steven James (Mass.), Sheila Mason (Ky.), Lisa M. Ortiz McCutcheon (N.M.), Jose Rodriguez-Amoros (Puerto Rico), Betsy Thompson (Mass.), Moritz von Wyss, Brittany Yunker Carlson (Wash.), and Brenda Erickson, NCSL

## Approval of Minutes

Upon a motion by Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), seconded by Lindsey Vroegindewey (Mont.), the minutes of the last meeting held Saturday, April 22, 2016 at the ASLCS Spring Business Meeting in Kansas City, Missouri, were approved.

## Old Business

The chair recognized Brenda Erickson, NCSL, to update the committee on the survey that was distributed earlier this year regarding job titles and job duties. The committee was given a handout showing which chambers had not responded. In total, nearly 40 chambers had not provided input on the survey. At the Spring Meeting, the committee recommended follow-up phone calls and emails. However, given the response rate by the time of the Summit matched the response rate from last year, the committee recommends closing the survey on job titles and job duties. NCSL also provided copies of the survey results.

The committee then discussed potential new survey formats including shorter questions to yield a higher response rate and briefly discussed ways to improve how survey results are distributed to Society members.

## New Business

The committee then discussed topics for the next survey to be distributed in late 2017 or early 2018. (At the 2017 Spring Business Meeting, the committee reviewed the potential topic of how chambers/states respond to open records requests.) The committee will conduct further review of the survey format at the 2017 PDS in Phoenix.

## Adjournment

Upon a motion by Barrett Dudley (Ark.), seconded by Bernadette McNulty (Calif.), the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Corey Carnahan (Kan.), chair