

ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

NOVEL CORONAVIRUS SOUTHWESTERN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting
October 20, 2023
8:00 A.M., SHR 1

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Members Present:

Senator Janae Shamp, Chair
Senator Thomas "T.J." Shope

Representative Steve Montenegro
Dr. Peter McCullough

Members Excused:

Congressman Eli Crane

Congressman Paul Gosar

Staff:

Michael Madden, Senate Research Analyst
Maelinn Chow, Senate Research Assistant Analyst
Ahjahna Graham, House Research Analyst

Chairman Shamp called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. and attendance was noted.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Senator Shamp stated that without objection, the Novel Coronavirus Southwestern Intergovernmental Committee minutes of May 25 and 26, 2023 stand approved.

OPENING REMARKS AND VIDEO

Senator Shamp offered opening comments.

The video would be played later in the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Senator Shamp asked the Committee Members and panelists to introduce themselves.

Senator Shamp offered additional opening comments.

Representative Montenegro and Senator Shope offered opening comments.

PRESENTATIONS

Informed Consent: How to Decide Whether to Consent, Aaron Siri

Aaron Siri, Attorney, Siri & Glimstad, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Informed Consent: How to Decide Whether to Consent" (Attachment A). Mr. Siri answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp offered comments.

Mr. Siri continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment A).

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

TESTIMONY BY CALLI VARNER

Calli Varner, representing self, described her experience with the COVID-19 vaccine.

Senator Shamp offered comments.

Dr. McCullough and Dr. Chambers offered comments.

Ms. Varner answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

Ms. Varner answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Chambers and Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Dr. Chambers and Dr. McCullough answered questions posed by the Committee.

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

RECESS

At 10:43 a.m. the Chairman recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

RECONVENE

At 11:03 a.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Senator Shamp announced that a video from Congressman Paul Gosar would be played.

Senator Shamp announced that a video of Dr. McCullough testifying before the European Parliament regarding COVID-19 vaccines would be played.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

Autopsy Findings in Deaths After COVID-19 Vaccination, Dr. Peter McCullough

Dr. Peter McCullough, Internist, Cardiologist, Epidemiologist, gave an update on the autopsy findings in deaths after the COVID-19 vaccination. Dr. McCullough answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Chambers offered comments.

Dr. McCullough offered comments.

Dr. Chambers offered additional comments.

Dr. McCullough answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

RECESS

At 12:00 p.m. the Chairman recessed the meeting to the sound of the gavel.

RECONVENE

At 1:08 p.m. the Chairman called the meeting to order.

Senator Shamp announced that a video of Congressmen Andy Biggs and Eli Crane would be played.

Senator Shamp offered comments.

PRESENTATIONS (continued)

DMED Data and the Military Perspective, LTC (Ret.) Pete Chambers, D.O.

Dr. Pete Chambers, D.O., LTC (Ret.) USA, Special Operations Flight Surgeon/Green Beret, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "The Weaponization of Public Health And its... Second and Third Order Effects on National Security" (Attachment B) and answered questions posed by the Committee. Dr. Chambers distributed and explained a document regarding the Defense Medical Epidemiology Database (DMED) (Attachment C).

Dr. McCullough answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. Chambers continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B).

Dr. McCullough offered comments.

Dr. Chambers continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B).

Senator Shamp offered comments.

Dr. Chambers continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment B).

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Dr. Chambers answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Siri answered questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Dr. Chambers offered comments.

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Representative Montenegro offered comments.

Dr. Chambers answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments and answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Mr. Siri answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Safeguarding Religious and Medical Vaccine Exemptions, Aaron Siri

Aaron Siri, Attorney, Siri & Glimstad, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Safeguarding Vaccine Exemptions: Religious & Medical" (Attachment D).

Dr. McCullough offered comments.

Mr. Siri offered comments.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Mr. Siri continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment D).

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Mr. Siri continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment D).

Senator Shamp offered comments.

Mr. Siri continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment D).

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Mr. Siri offered additional comments.

Dr. McCullough offered additional comments.

Mr. Siri continued with the PowerPoint presentation (Attachment D).

Senator Shamp offered additional comments.

Mr. Siri offered additional comments.

DISCUSSION

The Committee offered closing comments.

Senator Shamp announced that the next Novel Coronavirus Southwestern Intergovernmental Committee would be in December.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jenn Dickey
Committee Secretary

(Audio recordings and attachments are on file in the Secretary of the Senate's Office/Resource Center, Room 115. Audio archives are available at <http://www.azleg.gov>)