Mr. Dalena -

Please see the request below for a legal opinion from the Chairs of the Legislative & Rules Committee of the Board of Representatives. This request relates to a proposed amendment to the Rules of the Board which would permit the Board to permanently have the option of meeting remotely. The committee will be meeting on January 25th, so it would be helpful to get the opinion prior to the meeting. The Law Department will also receive an invitation to attend the meeting.

Thank you, Valerie

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From: Nabel, Susan
Sent: Wednesday, January 12, 2022 11:19 AM
To: Rosenson, Valerie
Cc: Berns, Philip; Jacobson, Jonathan; Curtis, Jeff
Subject: LR 31.013, request for Legal Opinion

Good morning Valerie:

Co-Chair Berns and I have received a request for a legal opinion from L&R committee member Rep Jacobson. Please ask the law department to research the issue of whether we can continue our practice of remote meetings.

Since our understanding is that the current direction of emergency powers is statutory, Rep. Jacobson suggests we confirm the legality of remote meetings in the absence of any temporary/emergency measure in place, statutory or otherwise.

As well, can we invite that member of the law department to our next meeting so we can

discuss the legality of the question in the context of the proposed rules change LR31.013. Thank you.

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