



## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

### COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS

REP. BRADLEY SLAGH

CHAIR

## COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 8, 2022

9:00 AM

Room 308, House Office Building

The House Committee on Appropriations Subcommittee on Corrections was called to order by the Chair, Representative Slagh.

The Chair requested attendance be called:

Present: Reps. Slagh, Lightner, Brann, Borton, T. Carter, Sabo, and C.A. Johnson.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Brann moved to adopt the meeting minutes from April 21, 2021. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

Heidi E. Washington, Director, Department of Corrections, and Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to talk about staffing levels at the department. Director Washington gave an overview of department staffing levels and vacancies and talked about short- and long-term challenges. She discussed the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on staffing levels, in particular the Omicron variant. She talked about recruitment efforts, recruitment surveys conducted by the department, results of Corrections Officer academies, and staff vacancy comparisons over the past 5 years. She discussed steps the department has taken and plans to take to address staffing shortages. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the subcommittee, Representative Slagh adjourned the meeting at 10:30 AM.

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Representative Bradley Slagh, Chair

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