

**MINUTES OF THE
LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, April 19, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W020 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. D. Chris Buttars, Chair
Rep. DeMar "Bud" Bowman, Chair
Sen. Allen Christensen
Sen. Fred J. Fife III
Sen. Mark B. Madsen
Rep. J. Stuart Adams
Rep. D. Gregg Buxton
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. David Litvack
Rep. Curtis Oda

Members Absent:

Rep. Duane E. Bourdeaux
Rep. Michael T. Morley
Rep. Paul Ray

Staff Present:

Mr. Stewart E. Smith, Policy Analyst/Special Projects Mgr.
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Wendy Bangerter, Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Bowman called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. He announced the committee membership change from Rep. Todd Kiser to Rep. Stuart Adams. He praised Rep. Kiser for his service and welcomed Rep. Adams.

MOTION: Rep. Jones moved to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2005 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Buttars, Sen. Madsen, Rep. Adams, Rep. Christensen, and Rep. Litvack absent for the vote.

Mr. Smith referred to the survey requesting legislator input regarding the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel and the services they provide to the Legislature. He noted where they should return their responses.

2. 2006 Interim Studies / General Session Summary

Mr. Smith called the members' attention to the materials provided by staff, including a summary of 2006 General Session issues of interest to the Committee. He gave an overview of appropriations for Public Safety, the Board of Pardons, and the Department of Corrections. He noted the number of oversight reports to be submitted as well as the sunset review assigned to this Committee. He provided a summary of the sunset review process.

Mr. Smith explained the Legislative Management Committee's request for a list of study items from the Committee. He requested that members rank their priorities and return their list at the end of the meeting.

3. Criminal Justice Information Systems

A. UCJIS (Utah's Criminal Justice Information System)

Ms. Jennifer Hemenway, Information Analyst, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, gave a power-point presentation explaining the creation of UCJIS (Utah's Criminal Justice Information Systems) that links data from courts, corrections, and law enforcement to provide accurate, timely, and complete information to criminal justice professionals. The Commission represents all three branches of government. She stated that they have not had to ask for money from the state, but have made good use of the federal dollars they receive.

Mr. Mike Sadler, IT Analyst, Department of Public Safety, demonstrated the unified information system and how it is used by law enforcement to access data regarding criminals, suspects, and victims. He explained the security of the system. He showed how an arrest warrant can be instantly made available using the information collected.

B. The VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) System

Ms. Hemenway, assisted by Mr. Douglas Fawson, Department of Corrections, gave a second presentation explaining the VINE system, which provides notification and information to victims regarding their involvement in the judicial process twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. They explained the varied benefits of the system.

Mr. Ron Gordon, Director, Office of Crime Victims Reparations, explained the responsibilities of his office in relation to the VINE contract. He discussed other services that the Crime Victims' Reparations Board is mandated to fund for victim reparations and noted they may not be able to fund other services beyond VINE without receiving further funding allocations.

Mr. Dave Walsh, Director of Programs and Budget, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, explained past budget reduction programs and distributed budgeting options for funding VINE.

4. Sunset Review - Crime Victims' Reparations Board

Mr. Gordon explained that the Office of Crime Victims' Reparations and the Crime Victims' Reparations Board are two separate entities and that the Board has a sunset date, but the office does not.

Ms. Louise Speth, Chair of Crime Victims' Reparations Board and property crimes detective with Logan City Police Department, distributed and reviewed a sunset review of the Crime Victims' Reparations Board, Comparison of Crime Victim Reparation Fund Revenue and Expenditures, and Revenue Received (Fiscal 2005). She explained the Board and its makeup and functions, and described services they have been able to provide to victims in the past. She also updated the Committee on the revenues and expenditures of the Crime Victim Reparation Fund.

The Committee discussed whether the Board created in Section 63-25a-404 should be reauthorized.

Sen. Madsen asked for a list of bills, policies, and procedures, which Mr. Gordon agreed to provide.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to recommend extending the sunset date for ten years. The motion passed with Sen. Madsen and Rep. Christensen voting in opposition.

5. Return Survey to Chairs

Chair Bowman reminded committee members to complete their prioritization of study items and return them to staff, as well as their evaluation of OLRGC staff and deposit those in the box provided.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Litvack moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bowman adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.