

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Monday, July 2, 2007 – 8:30 a.m. – Room W135 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Sheldon L Killpack, Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. D. Chris Buttars
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen Carlene M. Walker

Members Excused:

Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Darin G. Peterson

Staff Present:

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst
Mr. Dee S Larsen, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Eric Weeks, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary

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

1. Committee Business

Chair Killpack called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. Sen. Davis and Sen. Peterson were excused from attending the meeting.

Mr. Larsen distributed state statutes "49-11-201. Establishment of retirement office -- An independent state agency -- Office exemption," "49-11-202. Establishment of Utah State Retirement Board -- Quorum -- Terms -- Officers -- Expenses and per diem -- Membership Council established," "49-11-203. Powers and duties of board," and gave an overview on the statutory obligation of the Utah State Retirement Board.

Mr. Christensen distributed a handout, "Board Presidents's Letter" and identified the present members of the Utah State Retirement Board.

Chair Killpack recognized Rep. John Dougall at the meeting, who serves as the co-chair of the Retirement and Independent Entities Committee.

2. Interview of Mr. David B. Winder

Mr. Winder was placed under oath. He referred to his resume that was distributed to the Committee and reviewed his qualifications to serve as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board.

Sen. Buttars asked him if there was anything in his background which, if reappointed as a member to the Board, would be an embarrassment to the Board or to the state.

Mr. Winder responded that there was not.

Mr. Winder responded to questions from the committee about the pay board, the policies on defined contribution plans, communication and interaction between the Board and the Legislature, and employment investment options.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Mr. David B. Winder for reappointment as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Interview of Ms. Phyllis P. Sorensen

Ms. Sorensen was placed under oath. She reviewed her qualifications to serve as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board.

Sen. Buttars asked her if there was anything in her background which, if reappointed as a member of the Board, would be an embarrassment to the Board or to the state.

Ms. Sorensen responded that there was not.

Ms. Sorensen responded to questions from the committee about her affiliation in the area of education and representing education employees, the spending and needs of public education, the setting of policies for defined contribution plans, and her role on the Board.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved for the balance of this meeting that the Committee accept Rep. Dougall at the table and encourage him to engage in the dialogue, recognizing the constitutional mandate for advise and consent and the recommendation to the full floor of the Senate rests solely with senators. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Ms. Phyllis P. Sorensen for reappointment as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Interview of Larry W. Evans

Mr. Evans was placed under oath. He referred to his resume that was distributed to the Committee and he reviewed his qualifications to serve as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board.

Sen. Buttars asked him if there was anything in his background which, if appointed as a member to the Board, would be an embarrassment to the Board or to the state.

Mr. Evans responded that there was not.

Mr. Evans responded to questions from the committee about the process and background for him being recommended to the Board.

MOTION: Sen. Buttars moved to recommend to the full Senate the confirmation of Mr. Larry W. Evans for appointment as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Killpack adjourned the meeting at 10:14 a.m.