

**MINUTES OF THE
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, July 18, 2007 – 2:00 p.m. – Room W025 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Rep. Steven R. Mascaro, House Chair
Sen. Allen M. Christensen
Sen. Fred J. Fife
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. Julie Fisher
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod
Rep. Karen W. Morgan

Members Absent:

Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Jon J. Greiner
Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Staff Present:

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, 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 Mascaro called the meeting to order at 2:29 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Fife moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen, Sen. Christensen, and Rep. Fisher were absent for the vote.

2. Economic Development Incentives

Mr. Jason Perry, Executive Director, GOED (Governor's Office of Economic Development), discussed the various economic development incentives provided by the state to the business community. He noted that Utah was recently recognized by the Kauffman Foundation as having the most dynamic economy in the United States. Forbes magazine recently ranked Utah as the third most business friendly state, and U.S. cable television channel CNBC ranked Utah the fourth most business friendly state.

Mr. Michael Nelson, Director, Corporate Recruitment and State Incentives, distributed a copy of his slide presentation, "Business Recruitment and State Incentives" and reported on business recruitment and state incentives administered through GOED. He noted that over the last two years Utah recruited 28 companies that brought 10,000 new jobs to the state.

Mayor Matthew Godfrey, Ogden City, commented on Ogden's successful experiences with recruitment of companies due in large part to the state's economic development incentives program.

Mr. Jeff Edwards, President and CEO, EDCUtah (Economic Development Corporation of Utah), distributed a packet of information on the activities, action plan, and resources of his corporation. He noted that one objective of EDCUtah is to recruit and attract targeted businesses from the Americas to invest throughout the state, and to act as a proactive service agency for all national and international business inquiries.

Mr. Jerry Oldroyd, member, Board of Business and Economic Development, commented on the positive changes over the past eight years and recognized the program successes with recently enacted state

economic development incentives. He commented that the custom fit economic development component that was created a few years ago is not being adequately funded and suggested adding it into the state incentive package.

3. Sunset Review - Enterprise Zone Act (Title 63, Chapter 38f, Part 4)

Ms. Beverly Evans, GOED, and Mr. Les Prall, GOED, distributed and gave an overview of "Utah Enterprise Zones." It was noted that Enterprise Zones have historically been the only incentive available to businesses in sparsely populated counties. To be eligible a county must have a population of less than 50,000 and a city or town in those counties must have a population of under 10,000.

MOTION: Sen. Christensen moved to extend the sunset date of Title 63, Chapter 38f, Part 4, "Enterprise Zone Act" for ten years. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Items / Adjourn

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

Chair Mascaro adjourned the meeting at 3:54 p.m.