

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

July 17, 2007 – 3:00 p.m. – W135 House Building

Members Present:

President John L. Valentine, Chair
Speaker Greg J. Curtis, Vice-Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Sen. Mike Dmitrich
Sen. Dan R. Eastman
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Sheldon Killpack
Rep. David Litvack

Sen. Ed Mayne
Rep. Ralph Becker
Rep. David Clark
Rep. Brad King
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Ms. Gay Taylor, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Beverlee LeCheminant, 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

President Valentine called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Speaker Curtis was absent for the vote.

2. August Site Visit - Steering Committee

Rep. Julie Fisher distributed and reviewed an agenda for the legislative site visit to Davis County on August 15, 2007.

Sen. Davis distributed and reviewed the schedule for the legislative site visit to Salt Lake County on August 16, 2007.

3. Letters from Interim Committees and Appropriations Subcommittees

Mr. Michael Christensen reviewed letters from the following appropriations subcommittees:

- Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee - requesting to hold a meeting on September 12, 2007
- Commerce and Workforce Services Appropriations Subcommittee - requesting to hold a meeting on August 29 at the American Fork Workforce Services Building and to hold a meeting on September 12, 2007 at the Heber Wells Building
- Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee - requesting to go on a site visit to South-Central Utah on September 5-6, 2007

Mr. Christensen also reviewed letters from the following interim committees:

- Government Operations Interim Committee - requesting a recodification of Title 63, State Affairs in General

- Education Interim Committee - requesting to create a subcommittee to study issues relating to teacher shortages, quality, and compensation.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to approve the request of the committees with the exception of the Education Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Speaker Curtis, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Mayne were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to approve the Education Interim Committee's request to create a subcommittee to study issues relating to teacher shortages, quality, and compensation, and holding six to eight meetings.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Rep. Dee moved to approve the request for a subcommittee to study issues relating to teacher shortages, quality, and compensation. The subcommittee would consist of three members of the Senate and six members of the House, and will hold up to two meetings. Rep. Snow suggested these two meetings could meet all day to maximize committee members' time. The motion passed unanimously. Speaker Curtis, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Mayne were absent for the vote.

4. Creation of Legislative Information Technology Steering Committee

Rep. Clark distributed and reviewed a handout regarding the creation of a Legislative Information Technology Steering Committee. He indicated that issues and projects that require coordination between legislative offices will be the vital immediate function of the steering committee in preparation for the move back into the capitol building. The IT Steering Committee is looking to create a commonality with the House and Senate as well as the three legislative offices, and this is the first initial step in setting up a committee for coordination and governance.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved to approve the creation of a Legislative Information Technology Steering Committee to improve coordination between the legislative offices and the two houses of the Legislature as outlined in the handout. The committee will have two Republicans and one Democrat from the House and the House Chief of Staff, and two Republicans and one Democrat from the Senate and the Chief Deputy of the Senate. Staff office directors will serve as non-voting members. The motion passed unanimously. Speaker Curtis, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Mayne were absent for the vote.

5. Recommendation of Legislative Fiscal Analyst by Budget Subcommittee

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved to approve the hiring of Mr. Jonathan Ball as Legislative Fiscal Analyst and the drafting of a resolution for that purpose. Mr. Ball's appointment is subject to approval by a majority vote of both houses of the Legislature in the 2008 General Session. The motion passed unanimously. Speaker Curtis, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Mayne were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Clark moved that Mr. Ball's annual salary will be \$121,000 and that the Legislative Auditor General's annual salary will be raised to \$122,000. The motion passed unanimously. Speaker Curtis, Sen. Davis, and Sen. Mayne were absent for the vote.

6. Other Business

Sen. Bramble stated that Mr. Christensen has prepared a draft outline of the report regarding the trip to China and that he will be working with Mr. Christensen and Mr. Parker on that report. Sen. Bramble indicated LMC can either adjust the time line for the report or have it submitted to the president and the speaker within the next 30 days.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved that the China report be due to the speaker and president by the end of August and it would then be put on the Legislature's web page and a written report would be given to LMC in September. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Davis and Sen. Mayne were absent for the vote.

Rep. Becker stated that when the Audit Subcommittee was reviewing actions that would be moved forward for audits it had an audit of This is the Place Heritage Park on the agenda that was not an item that would be completed before the next legislative session. He indicated that given the difficulties with the park, what its future management should be, and how it can be financially sustainable over a period of time, the Audit Subcommittee made a recommendation to have the Fiscal Analyst's Office look at completing a few narrowly crafted questions concerning the future of the park before the 2008 General Session.

MOTION: Rep. Becker moved that the Legislative Fiscal Analyst's Office review available information on the finances and management of This is the Place Heritage Park; consider options for future management that will produce a sustainable economic condition following its historic mission; and provide recommendations to LMC, the Natural Resources Appropriations Subcommittee, and the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Energy Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Davis, Sen. Mayne, and Sen. Clark were absent for the vote.

Mr. Christensen stated that a new version of RealPlayer is now available which provides for those who use the RealPlayer to be able to use it for a program where they can copy and clip motions or any comments from committees or floor debates to be downloaded and used as needed.

7. Adjourn

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

President Valentine adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

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