

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**
Tuesday, October 16, 2007 – 9:00 a.m. – Room W125 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow
Sen. Carlene Walker
Rep. Jackie Biskupski
Rep. Lorie D. Fowlke
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson
Rep. Brad King
Mr. Brian Farr

Members Excused:

Mr. Brett W. Heimburger
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst
Mr. Chris Parker, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, 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. Commission Business

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Rep. Gibson introduced Mr. Wong Hai Chen, from Beijing, China, who greeted commission members and spoke briefly about his experiences in the state.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2007 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen was absent for the vote.

2. International Trade Resolution

Mr. Parker distributed "Potential Issues for Addressing in a Resolution" and Draft Resolution, "Resolution Addressing International Trade Issues," and discussed the provisions of the resolution.

Mr. Lew Cramer, Utah World Trade Center, said he would review the resolution and comment on it later in the meeting.

3. International Trade Database: Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Mr. North distributed to legislators a GIS map containing information on businesses within their respective districts engaging in international trade and said a similar map would be made available for each state legislator for distribution in their respective caucus meetings by members of the Commission. Mr. North discussed the potential usefulness of the database from which this information was generated.

Mr. Dennis Goreham, Department of Technology Services, Automated Geographic Reference Center, presented the database to commission members. He also distributed and reviewed "International Trade Database Funding Estimate," and responded to questions.

Mr. Parker distributed and commented on the provisions of 2008 draft legislation, "State Trade Database."

Mr. Franz Kolb, International Trade Executive, Governor's Office of Economic Development, GOED, said there is an international database. He commented on the U.S. Department of Commerce laws which

will need to be followed in the development of a statewide database to protect the privacy of companies who may choose not to take part.

There was discussion about the draft and the following motions were made to amend the draft.

MOTION: Chair Allen moved to amend 2008 draft legislation, "State Trade Database" as follows:

Line 43 after "Center" insert "to be included in the state geographic information database"

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Chair Allen moved to amend 2008 draft legislation, "State Trade Database" as follows:

Line 44 after "country" insert "unless the business objects to inclusion in the database"

The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Walker moved to recommend 2008 draft legislation, "State Trade Database" as amended. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Biskupski and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

Mr. Cramer spoke in favor of 2008 General Session draft resolution, "Resolution Addressing International Trade Issues," and added that it would be appropriate for the Governor's office to look at it for comment also.

Mr. Farr said he would also like some time to review the resolution before commenting.

MOTION: Sen. Goodfellow moved to recommend 2008 General Session draft resolution, "Resolution Addressing International Trade Issues" subject to the review of the Governor's office. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Biskupski & Gibson were absent for the vote.

4. Cultural / Sporting Event Connections to International Trade

Mr. Brian Farr addressed the issue of cultural sporting events and their importance to international trade in the state. He shared some video clips of "Voices of Friendship," and distributed "How States are Using Arts and Culture to Strengthen Their Global Trade Development," "Investing in Culture: Innovations in State Policy," "International Trade and Competitiveness," and "Downtown Rising: A New Vision for Salt Lake City."

5. India Trade Mission

Mr. Kolb briefed the Commission on the first trade mission from Utah to India slated for October 26 through November 2, 2007.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Fowlke moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Walker, Rep. Biskupski, and Rep. Gibson were absent for the vote.

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.