

**MINUTES OF THE  
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

May 20, 2008 – 3:00 p.m. – 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

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

Rep. Brad King  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Phil Riesen  
Rep. Gordon E. Snow

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Brad L. Dee

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director  
Ms. Gay Taylor, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Speaker Curtis called the meeting to order at 3:12 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. King moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Eastman was absent for the vote.

**2. Letters from Interim Committees and Appropriations Subcommittees**

Mr. Christensen reviewed letters from interim committees and appropriation subcommittees regarding study items for the 2008 interim.

**MOTION:** Rep. Snow moved to approve the study items requested by the Business and Labor Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Education Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Government Operations Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Health and Human Services Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to deny the request by the Health and Human Services Interim Committee to create a Prescription Drug Abuse Subcommittee, but authorized the study of the implementation of H.B. 119, "Controlled Substance Database Amendments (2008 General Session). The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Health and Human Services Interim Committee's request to conduct a sunset review of Utah Code Section 78B-3-421, Medical Malpractice Arbitration Agreements, while still leaving this assignment with the Judiciary Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Judiciary Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Transportation Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Workforce Services and Community and Economic Development Interim Committee with the exception of "Tax Credits for Manufacturing Industry." The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Capital Facilities and Government Operations Appropriations Subcommittee and to approve three days of interim committee meetings, one in July and two in August, but without approval for overnight lodging. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the study items requested by the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee's request to hold an interim meeting on May 7, 2008 at the Central City Community Health Center in Salt Lake City. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to approve the Commerce and Workforce Services Appropriations Subcommittee's request to hold one of two interim meetings on June 12, 2008 at the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired. The

motion passed unanimously.

### **3. Review and Recommendation of the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee Subcommittee Regarding the General Counsel Position**

Ms. Gay Taylor stated that in its meeting on May 14, 2008, the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee interviewed eight candidates and moved to recommend John Fellows as the new General Counsel.

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to accept the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee's recommendation of John Fellows as the new General Counsel. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker Curtis thanked Ms. Taylor and said it has been an honor to serve with her. He indicated that he served on the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee and there were many qualified applicants both within the office and outside, but John Fellow's skills were recognized and he considers it an honor to work with him in the legal profession as well as counsel for the Legislature.

Sen. Jones said she has appreciated working with Ms. Taylor and wished her well. She indicated that she is also looking forward to working more with John Fellows.

Sen. Goodfellow said he had the opportunity to serve on the Research and General Counsel Subcommittee and there were eight very qualified people both within the office and outside, but John Fellows rose to the top and he extended his congratulations to him.

President Valentine thanked Ms. Taylor for not only being the Legislature's attorney, but also for being all of their friends.

### **4. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

### **5. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Speaker Curtis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

President Valentine adjourned the meeting at 3:45 p.m.