

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION**  
Thursday, October 16, 2008 – 8:30 a.m. – Room C250 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Sheryl L. Allen, House Chair  
Sen. Carlene Walker  
Rep. Jackie Biskupski  
Rep. Kerry W. Gibson  
Rep. Brad King  
Mr. Brian Farr  
Mr. Brett W. Heimburger  
Mr. Miguel R. Rovira

**Members Excused:**

Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Victoria Stirling, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Commission Business**

Chair Allen called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Biskupski moved to approve the minutes of the May 20, 2008 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Intergovernmental Policy Advisory Committee (IGPAC): U.S. Trade Representative Office**

Chair Allen distributed and summarized "IGPAC Comments for GAO Report on Impacts of Free Trade Agreements" and "What's Trade Got To Do With It?"

**3. Utah World Trade Center/Governor's Office of Economic Development**

Ms. Elizabeth Goryunova, Vice President, and Mr. Jack Sunderlage, Chairman of the Board, World Trade Center Utah, presented an update on international trade in Utah. They also distributed "Number of Exporters to Major Trading Regions in Utah," and answered committee members' questions.

Mr. Craig Peterson, Director of International Trade and Diplomacy, Governor's Office of Economic Development, distributed and reviewed "Governor's Office of Economic Development Annual Report 2008." Mr. Peterson said Utah's increase in trade is due primarily to increased state exports over the past several years.

Mr. Heimburger discussed Utah trade with Asia, and commented specifically on growth in China, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, and Vietnam.

Mr. Rovira discussed Utah trade with Mexico, Canada, and South American countries. He said the Legislature can help build international trade relations by letting business people in their districts know about the World Trade Center Utah and available assistance to help their businesses grow.

**4. World Trade Organization (WTO): Gambling Ruling Update**

Ms. Stirling distributed and reviewed "Update on the World Trade Organization Gambling Ruling and Subsequent U.S. Compensatory Adjustments." Ms. Stirling explained that details of the compensatory adjustments and impacted businesses were classified because of national security concerns.

Rep. Allen asked staff to periodically check with Sen. Bennett's office on this issue.

**5. Update: World Trade Organization Agendas**

Mr. North distributed "World Trade Organization Update - Fall 2008," and discussed tariff issues on industrial, service, and agricultural products between the developed and developing nations.

**6. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Allen adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.