

**MINUTES OF THE  
RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES COMMITTEE**

Thursday, March 5, 2009 – 7:30 a.m. – Room 20, House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel R. Liljenquist, Senate Chair  
Rep. Melvin R. Brown, House Chair  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Sen. D. Chris Butters  
Sen. Jon J. Greiner  
Rep. Bradley M. Daw  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. Stephen E. Sandstrom  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Brent H. Goodfellow  
Rep. Susan Duckworth  
Rep. Wayne A. Harper  
Rep. Bradley G. Last

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Benjamin N. Christensen, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, Legislative Secretary  
Ms. Nicholle Heidrich, Senate Standing  
Committee 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. Call to Order**

Chair Brown called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Sen. Goodfellow was excused from attending the meeting.

No action was taken on the November 13, 2007 minutes.

**2. Committee Review of Proposal to Create an Independent Entity -- Utah Generated Renewable Energy Electricity Network Authority**

Mr. Christensen outlined the review process for the proposed creation of a new independent entity as specified under Section 63E-1-302 and 303 which was distributed in the committee packet.

Sen. Bramble distributed 2009 General Session 3rd Substitute S.B. 76, "Energy Amendments." He noted that the bill creates the Utah Generated Renewable Energy Electricity Network Authority as an independent state agency. He asked Ms. Amanda Smith, Governor's Office, to explain the legislation.

Ms. Smith discussed and reviewed the proposed legislation.

After committee discussion, Chair Brown requested that the executive and legislative branch speak to the bill.

Mr. Austin Brown, State Auditor, suggested some changes that provide that the state auditor can audit the new independent state agency.

Ms. Kim Hood, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services, spoke in favor of the creation of the new independent state agency.

**MOTION:** Sen. Bramble moved to recommend approval of the formation of a new independent entity. The motion passed with Rep. Hansen voting in opposition.

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**3. Other Committee Business**

**4. Adjourn**

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

Chair Brown adjourned the meeting at 8:03 a.m.