

**MINUTES OF THE  
WORKFORCE SERVICES AND COMMUNITY  
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, August 19, 2009 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair  
Rep. Steven R. Mascaró, House Chair  
Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
Sen. Daniel R. Liljenquist  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Sen. Luz Robles  
Rep. Laura Black  
Rep. Neil A. Hansen  
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Rep. Paul Ray  
Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. James A. Dunnigan

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst  
Mr. James L. Wilson, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Glenda S. Whitney, 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. Committee Business**

Chair Madsen called the meeting to order at 2:25 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Mascaró moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2009 meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Liljenquist, Sen. Okerlund, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Ray, and Rep. Watkins were absent for the vote.

Sen. Madsen turned the chair over to Rep. Mascaró.

**2. Federal Stimulus Resources and Funding Related to the Department of Workforce Services**

Mr. Chris Love, Deputy Director, Department of Workforce Services (DWS), distributed and reviewed a handout "DWS - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Funded Services." He explained the unemployment insurance benefits and provisions in the Act.

Chair Mascaró suggested that draft legislation enabling Utah to receive federal stimulus money be placed on the committee's September meeting agenda.

**3. New Eligibility Services Division Within the Department of Workforce Services**

Mr. Love gave an update on the Eligibility Services Division within DWS and discussed its structure and how the department's services were delivered throughout the state.

#### **4. Solvency of the Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund**

Mr. Love distributed and reviewed a handout "DWS - Unemployment Insurance Trust Fund Projections." He reported on the minimum and maximum adequate reserve levels established to maintain the integrity of the trust fund.

#### **5. Draft Legislation, "Building and Construction Projects - Technical Corrections"**

Mr. Wilson reviewed the 2010 General Session draft legislation, "Building and Construction Projects - Technical Corrections." He noted that the bill makes technical corrections to building and construction project provisions dealing with notices of completion and definitions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Jones moved to adopt 2010 General Session draft legislation, "Building and Construction Projects - Technical Corrections," as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen, Sen. Okerlund, Rep. Hansen and Rep. Watkins absent for the vote.

#### **6. Social Security Offset**

Mr. Love distributed and reviewed a handout "DWS - Unemployment Compensation Social Security Offset." He discussed Utah's history regarding the unemployment compensation Social Security offset issue and the national perspective on this issue.

Mr. Jim Olsen, member of the State Council on Workforce Services, commented on the actions of the council with regards to the Social Security unemployment compensation.

Chair Mascaro suggested that this item be placed on the September meeting agenda.

#### **7. Digitization Initiative, Projects, and Vendors**

Mr. Palmer DePaulis, Executive Director, Department of Community and Culture (DCC), and Ms. Allyson Isom, Deputy Director, DCC, gave a power point presentation on DCC's digitization program. Mr. DePaulis noted the department's mission statement on the digitization program, gave an overview of its six divisions, and explained why digitization is good stewardship. He indicated that the objective of digitization is to extend government to the desktop, enhance education, and leverage key partnerships. He concluded his presentation with digitized items from the Utah history archives such as photos and collectables that are now online.

Mr. Forrest Cuch, Utah Division of Indian Affairs, and Mr. Phil Notarianni, State History Division, assisted in the presentation.

#### **8. Services Provided by the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, Including Vocational Rehabilitation**

Mr. Don Uchida, Executive Director, Utah State Office of Rehabilitation, distributed and reviewed handouts "Utah State Office of Rehabilitation Established 1921" and "Performance Report 2008." He gave an overview on the divisions and services that are available in the Office of Rehabilitation. The services

include: medical restoration and treatment, counseling and guidance, assistive technology, job placement, and follow-up.

**9. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Madsen, Rep. Black, Rep. Hansen, Rep. Herrod, and Rep. Ray were absent for the vote.

Chair Mascaro adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.