

**MINUTES OF THE
GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, August 15, 2012 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson, Senate Chair
Rep. Kraig Powell, House Chair
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Ross I. Romero
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Craig A. Frank
Rep. Brad J. Galvez
Rep. Richard A. Greenwood
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Curtis Oda

Rep. Lee B. Perry
Rep. Douglas Sagers

Members Absent:

Rep. Janice M. Fisher
Rep. David Litvack

Staff Present:

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Ms. Rebecca Rockwell, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Anna M. Allen, Legislative Secretary
Ms. Kimberly A. Heiner, 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. Committee Business

Chair Powell called the meeting to order at 2:41 p.m. Rep. Fisher was excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Frank moved to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2012, committee meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Report: Privatization Policy Board

Mr. Kent Beers, Director, Division of State Purchasing and General Services, discussed and distributed the “Privatization Policy Board 2011 Annual Report,” which is required by Utah Code Annotated Subsection 63I-4-202(1)(h)(iii) (2012) and was mailed to the committee prior to the meeting. He said that the report focused on issues that the board reviewed throughout the past year. He also mentioned that the board had sent letters to the Legislative Management Committee and the Government Operations Interim Committee regarding Issue #1, Issue #2, and Issue #3 that are listed in “Privatization Policy Board 2011 Annual Report.” Mr. Beers responded to questions from the committee.

Rep. Galvez recommended that staff verify whether the committee is in possession of the letters from the Privatization Policy Board.

Chair Powell relinquished the chair to Rep. Galvez.

3. Report: Reorganization of Administrative Support Functions

Ms. Kim Hood, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services, introduced Jason Knight, Research Analyst, Department of Administrative Services. Mr. Knight presented preliminary findings related to the study required by 2012 General Session H.B. 80, “Reorganization of Administrative Support Functions in State Agencies.” Mr. Knight discussed the scope of the study, the data gathering method, the preliminary findings, the action taken, and the preliminary recommendations. According to Mr. Knight, the preliminary findings report will be available online in September 2012. Ms. Hood and Mr. Knight responded to questions from the committee.

4. Review Draft of Boards and Commissions Bill

Mr. Hunsaker discussed and distributed 2013 General Session draft legislation “Boards and Commissions Amendments” (2013FL-0131/005). He distributed a complete list of questions from the boards and commissions survey, “Survey Questions Asked.”

Mr. Hunsaker stated that five new boards or commissions have requested to be repealed since the bill was originally drafted. He distributed a list of these groups: "Boards and Commission Responses who responded 'yes' to be repealed - and NOT included in 2013 General Session draft legislation, 'Boards and Commissions Amendments' - August 13, 2012."

He then discussed and distributed, "Boards and Commission Responses who Responded not to be repealed - August 13, 2012" to allow the committee to examine the other survey questions in addition to the question of "Should your group be repealed?" Mr. Hunsaker responded to questions from the committee.

Rep. Chavez-Houck expressed concern that the Multicultural Commission was listed on "Boards and Commission Responses who responded 'yes' to be repealed - and NOT included in 2013 General Session draft legislation, 'Boards and Commissions Amendments' - August 13, 2012." She said that she does not think that the Multicultural Commission wanted to be repealed.

Ms. Sherrie Hayashi, Commissioner, Utah Labor Commission, stated that the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council has not met in six years. She also said that the Antidiscrimination and Labor Advisory Committee has only had a quorum twice in six years and should, therefore, not be repealed, as the committee has yet to truly begin its business.

Rep. Chavez-Houck declared that she may have a possible conflict of interest related to the Antidiscrimination and Labor Advisory Committee.

Commissioner Leonard Blackham, Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, responded to a question from Rep. Greenwood on the purpose of the Mormon Cricket and Grasshopper Decision and Action Committee.

Acting Chair, Rep. Galvez, relinquished the chair to Chair Knudson.

5. Uniform Code References

Sen. Dayton introduced the document, "Executive Branch Department Heads – Position Titles – 8/6/12," and asked Mr. Hunsaker to address the issue in more detail. Mr. Hunsaker explained that the department head titles are not consistent. Some department heads are listed as "Executive Director," while others are listed as "Commissioner."

Mr. Hunsaker said the questions at the bottom of the handout were included to assist the committee in determining how to proceed with the issue. Mr. Hunsaker responded to questions from the committee.

Commissioner Blackham commented that titles are important and that different titles can be appropriate to each person's station and responsibilities. Commissioner Blackham did not feel that the department titles could be unified and encouraged the committee to leave the titles as they are.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to direct staff to contact the executive branch to get its suggestions on how to proceed with the issue. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Committee Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Grover moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Knudson adjourned the meeting at 3:57 p.m.