

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND TRADE COMMISSION**  
Tuesday, June 19, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Chair  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Chair  
Rep. Keith Grover  
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway  
Rep. Christopher N. Herrod  
Mr. Brian Farr  
Mr. Brett W. Heimbürger

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Patricia W. Jones  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Rep. Janice M. Fisher

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Richard C. North, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Peter Asplund, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Debra Hale, 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 Hutchings called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. Rep. Fisher was excused from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hemingway moved to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2011, meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hutchings introduced members of the commission and staff.

Mr. Gary R. Harter, Create Companies Managing Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, introduced his colleagues.

Chair Hutchings presented an overview of 2012 General Session H.B. 472, "International Relations and Trade Commission Amendments."

Mr. Harter explained the needs and successes regarding growth in international relations and trade.

**2. International Treaty Updates**

Mr. Lew Cramer, President and CEO, World Trade Center Utah, presented an overview of issues related to international treaties, including Law of the Sea, Rare-Earth Minerals, and Small Arms Trade and the potential ramifications for the state. He discussed other treaties, including recently approved Colombia, Panama, and South Korea Free Trade agreements.

Commission discussion followed.

Mr. Asplund distributed copies of and discussed a visual presentation "United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea." He also distributed copies of and discussed the May 23, 2012, testimony of Hillary Rodham Clinton, Secretary, U.S. Department of State, before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee regarding the Law of the Sea convention. He stated that the U.S. is not currently a signatory to the Law of the Sea Treaty.

Mr. Asplund distributed copies of a letter from U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, signed by other U.S. senators, opposing adoption of the treaty. He explained that legislation has been introduced in both houses of Congress opposing a United Nations arms trade treaty.

Commission discussion and questions followed.

### **3. Consul General Report / Trade Missions**

Franz Kolb, Director - Europe, Middle-East, Africa, and India, Governor's International Trade and Diplomacy Office, gave a visual presentation "Utah Consular Corps." He explained how Honorary Consul officials function and how the corps benefits international trade missions with trading partners, citizens, and the business community.

Commission discussion and questions followed regarding building international relationships.

### **4. Legislative Protocol Training**

Mr. Kolb gave a visual presentation "Legislative Protocol Training" and discussed internationally accepted protocols for both formal and informal meetings of diplomatic corps and trade mission visitors. He stated that, because Utah is the second fastest state in export growth and received over 400 international trade missions in 2011, the issue of developing an ongoing legislator training program in diplomatic protocol is critical.

Commission discussion, comments, and questions followed.

Mr. Brian Farr, State Agency Counsel, Civil Divisions, Utah Office of the Attorney General, also discussed how protocol training would assist legislators in meeting with both foreign officials and trade delegations visiting the state.

### **5. Council on Foreign Relations Update**

Mr. Bob Miller, President, Salt Lake Committee on Foreign Relations, reported on his committee's role to promote international relations with the state. He noted that his committee schedules numerous domestic and foreign speakers annually and is a forum for grass-roots discussion.

Commission discussion followed.

### **6. Other Items / Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Representative Herrod moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 11:58 a.m.