

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**
Monday, October 8, 2012 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Senate Chair Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Pres. Michael G. Waddoups

Members Absent:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen

Staff Present:

Ms. Esther D. Chelsea-McCarty, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Ms. Jennifer Christopherson, 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 Jenkins called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of the judicial candidate. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

2. Interview of Mr. Barry G. Lawrence

Mr. Barry G. Lawrence was placed under oath by Mr. Christensen. He thanked the committee for the opportunity to appear before them and introduced his family and friends in attendance. He provided a personal and professional background statement to the committee. He spoke about his family, education, and professional experience. Mr. Lawrence responded to questions from the committee concerning personal opinions, the death penalty, parental rights, and his professional experience. He discussed the right to a speedy trial, gun rights, the three branches of government, and construction law.

MOTION: Sen. Mayne moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Lawrence be confirmed as a judge for the Third District Court. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 10:27 a.m.