

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**  
Monday, October 15, 2012 – 4:30 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Aaron Osmond, Chair  
Sen. Karen W. Morgan  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Allison M. Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
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.leg.utah.gov](http://www.leg.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Osmond called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**2. Consideration of Proposed Appointment of Nina R. Barnes as a member of the State Board of Regents**

Ms. Barnes introduced herself to the committee and described her professional and public background. She described her role as a potential member of the State Board of Regents regarding higher education to be: 1) attract students; 2) assist students in their career goals; and 3) promote business partnerships to assist students in their preparation for successful careers.

Ms. Barnes discussed issues and answered questions from the committee, including higher education's role in 1) preparing public education teachers; 2) incorporating technology in education; 3) concurrent enrollment; 4) partnerships and collaboration between public and higher education; 4) focusing on graduation rate; and 5) providing sound, effective recommendations to the Legislature.

**MOTION:** Sen. Morgan moved that the committee recommend the confirmation of Nina R. Barnes as a member of the State Board of Regents. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Other Items / Adjourn**

Chair Osmond adjourned the meeting at 5:07 p.m.