

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Friday, May 10, 2013 – 2:00 p.m. – Room 250 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Senate Chair
Sen. Gene Davis Sen. Daniel W.
Thatcher Sen. Todd Weiler

Staff Present:

Mr. Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst Ms.
Susan Creager Allred, Associate General
Counsel Ms. Jennifer Christopherson,
Legislative Secretary

Members Absent: Sen.

Curtis S. Bramble

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 Madsen called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m. Sen. Bramble was excused from the meeting.

Chair Madsen explained the confirmation process and the purpose of the committee.

2. Interview of Mr. Rollin E. Cook

Mr. Rollin E. Cook thanked the committee for the honor of appearing before it and introduced his family and friends in attendance. He provided a personal and professional background statement and gave an overview of the positions he has held in his career and of his training in penology and criminology. Mr. Cook responded to questions from the committee regarding rehabilitation, his teaching career, and his views on programs for those who are incarcerated and on the relocation of the correctional facility. He discussed his experience with the budget and his membership in the International Association of Chiefs of Police.

Mr. Mike Mower, Deputy Chief of Staff, the Governor's Office, spoke in support of the confirmation of Mr. Cook and gave a background of the nomination process of Mr. Cook.

MOTION: Sen. Thatcher moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. Rollin E. Cook be confirmed as Executive Director of the Utah Department of Corrections. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.