

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 15, 2013 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Chair
Speaker Rebecca D. Lockhart, Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Patricia W. Jones
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Sen. Luz Robles
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Tim M. Cosgrove
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Don Ipson
Rep. Jennifer M. Seelig

Members Absent:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel
Ms. Phalin L. Flowers, Administrative Assistant

Note: A list of other 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 Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jones absent for the vote.

2. Division of Risk Management Settlements

Ms. Tani Downing, State Risk Manager, Utah Division of Risk Management, Mr. Reed Stringham, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, and Mr. Bruce Garner, Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, briefly described two cases for which the state of Utah has reached settlements. Because the settlement for each case exceeded \$500,000, review and recommendation by the Legislative Management Committee is required.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to recommend that the Division of Risk Management move forward with both settlements. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Jones absent for the vote.

3. Authorized Legislative Meetings

Mr. Christensen explained that at the beginning of each interim, the Legislative Management Committee approves which committees, task forces, commissions, and boards will be authorized for legislators to receive payment for attending. The Prison Relocation and Development Authority was not included on the list at the beginning of the year.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to add the Prison Relocation and Development Authority to the list of authorized legislative meetings. The motion passed with Sen. Robles voting in opposition. Sen. Jones was absent for the vote.

4. Legislative Intern Program

Mr. Christensen distributed and discussed "Legislative Intern Program." He explained the current costs of the legislative intern program and what the increase in cost would be to add an additional 15 interns to the program.

Mr. Jerry Howe, Managing Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, explained the Legislative Management Committee policy on the legislative intern program and answered committee questions.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to approve the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel to hire up to 90 interns, depending upon the quality of applicants, for the legislative intern

program for the upcoming session, with the understanding that the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel will receive a supplemental appropriation during the 2014 General Session to cover the additional cost. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Letters from Committees

Mr. Christensen distributed and discussed a letter from the chairs of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee. The letter requests authorization to study additional items during the October and November meetings.

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to approve the request of the chairs of the Health and Human Services Interim Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Vice Chair Lockhart moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 4:34 p.m.