

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, June 17, 2014 – 3:00 p.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

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

Vice Chair Niederhauser called the meeting to order at 3:41 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Robles moved to approve the minutes of the April 16, 2014 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Chair Lockhart and Rep. Seelig absent for the vote.

2. Site Visit Report

Mr. Steve Allred, Deputy Director, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, gave an overview of what a site visit of the entire Legislature might cost, depending on the location of the visit.

3. Procurement Approval for REMI-Taxpi Software

Mr. Allred said that the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst would like to purchase REMI-Taxpi software, which is an economic modeling software. He explained that according to the Legislative Management Committee procurement policy, any purchase over \$250,000 requires authorization by the Legislative Management Committee. Although, with discounts, the cost of the software is expected to be less than \$250,000, the office chose to seek approval from the Legislative Management Committee in the interest of communication and full disclosure.

MOTION: Sen. Davis made a motion to authorize the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst to purchase the REMI-Taxpi software. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

4. Reappointment of Legislative General Counsel

Mr. Fellows thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve as the Legislature's General Counsel for the past six years and said that he would be honored to be reappointed to that position.

MOTION: Sen. Davis made a motion to approve a resolution reappointing John Fellows as General Counsel to the Legislature for a six-year term. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

5. Approval of Appropriations Subcommittee Meetings

Chair Lockhart noted that she would like more time to study the proposed agendas for the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee and the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee and suggested the committee take no action on those meeting requests at this time.

Mr. Christensen distributed and discussed “Letters to the Legislative Management Committee.” He briefly explained the meeting and study item requests from the following committees, subcommittees, and task forces:

- Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
- Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee
- Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee
- Government Communications Task Force
- Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

MOTION: Chair Lockhart made a motion to approve the requests from the following committees, subcommittees, and task forces:

- Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee
- Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee
- Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee
- Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee
- Government Communications Task Force
- Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

6. Interim Committee Schedule

Mr. Christensen explained that there has been interest in changing the start times of afternoon interim committees to accommodate the Senate’s additional responsibility to confirm judges and executive branch appointments. Afternoon interim meetings currently start at 2:00 p.m.

MOTION: Chair Lockhart made a motion to permanently change the start time of afternoon interim committees to 2:30 p.m., starting with the July 2014 interim meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

7. Interim Committee Issues

Mr. Christensen explained that there has been interest in asking the Education Interim Committee to conduct a study of the Common Core curriculum to separate fact from fiction, and report back to the Legislative Management Committee with specific recommendations on how to resolve conflicts with the issue.

MOTION: Chair Lockhart made a motion that the study of the Common Core curriculum be assigned to the Education Interim Committee, and that the committee report back to the Legislative Management Committee in the fall. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

8. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Chair Lockhart moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 4:07 p.m.