

**MINUTES OF THE
SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC UTILITIES AND TECHNOLOGY
CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, June 17, 2015 – 8:15 a.m. • Room 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Chair Brian E. Shiozawa
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Members Absent:

Sen. Alvin B. Jackson

Staff Present:

Mr. Arthur L. Hunsaker, Policy Analyst
Mr. Timothy J. Barber, 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 Shiozawa called the meeting to order at 8:17 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2013, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams and Sen. Harper were absent for the vote.

2. Consideration of the Appointment of Jordan A. White as a member of the Public Service Commission

Mr. Jordan A. White introduced himself and offered some remarks regarding his experience and goals if appointed to serve on the commission.

Mr. Stan Holmes, UCAIR, expressed concern regarding Mr. White's ability to be impartial as a regulator due to his professional ties to Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp.

Mr. Thad LeVar, Commissioner, Public Service Commission, expressed his support of Mr. White's nomination and praised his service as general counsel to the commission.

Mr. Tim Wagner, Executive Director, Utah Physicians for Healthy Environment, expressed concern that, if appointed, Mr. White would be regulating an industry in which he has worked.

Mr. Jeff Hartley, energy lobbyist, urged the Legislature to monitor the Public Service Commission and collaborate with them.

Ms. Kimberly Sarudi, member of the public, also expressed concern regarding Mr. White's ability to be impartial as a regulator due to his professional ties.

Committee discussion followed during which Mr. White responded to questions.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to concur with the Governor's recommendation that Mr. Jordan A. White be appointed to the Public Service Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Other Items/Adjourn

Sen. Adams moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Shiozawa adjourned the meeting at 8:53 a.m.