

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, December 7, 2015 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Chair
Speaker Gregory H. Hughes
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Patrice Arent

Rep. Joel Briscoe
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. James Dunnigan
Rep. Francis Gibson
Rep. Brian King
Rep. Brad Wilson

Staff Present:

Mr. Bryant R. Howe, Deputy Director
Ms. Denise L. Udy, 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 9:05 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Adams moved to approve the minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis, and Rep. King absent for the vote.

2. Reports from Interim Committees

Chair Niederhauser reminded the committee that the purpose of today's meeting is to receive reports from certain interim committees regarding the priority study issues assigned to each committee earlier this year.

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins and Rep. Lee B. Perry presented the report of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee and responded to questions from the committee. They explained that their committee spent considerable time in the 2015 interim studying issues related to use and development of water resources including water metering, water pricing, water funding, and collection of accurate water consumption data. Other issues included growing visitation at state parks and issues related to improving air quality. The chairs also reported on the committee's site visit to the Bear Lake area.

Sen. Alvin B. Jackson and Rep. Johnny Anderson presented the report of the Transportation Interim Committee. Study items reviewed by the committee included coordination between UDOT and public schools, consolidation of the state sales and use tax earmarks for transportation, implementation of transportation funding legislation adopted during the last legislative session, vehicle towing, and nighttime work zone noise.

Rep. Ken Ivory presented the report of the Public Utilities and Technology Interim Committee. Sen. David P. Hinkins was excused from presenting at the meeting. Rep. Ivory explained that the committee focused its efforts on issues related to interstate transmission lines, EPA rule 111 (d) governing power plant emissions, universal service fund, and the Utah Communications Authority and issues it might have with transparency in the process of expanding fiber optics in Utah.

Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards presented the report of the Economic Development and Workforce Services Interim Committee. Priority study issues reviewed by this committee included intergenerational poverty, economic development and air quality, affordable housing and transit, and economic development incentives. Rep. Edwards answered questions on whether her committee considered a recommendation to raise the minimum wage. She stated that it had not. Rep. Edwards reminded the committee of the information that can be found on the Department of Workforce Services website.

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher and Rep. R. Curt Webb presented the report of the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee. Rep. Webb explained that study issues reviewed by this committee included disclosure of information regarding financial liability for repairs of sewer laterals, delinquent property taxes on subdivision base parcels, Good Landlord programs, enforcement by local governments of ordinances regarding the abatement of weeds, garbage, and refuse, land information records, and the transfer of development rights. Rep. Webb also explained that all legislation supported by the committee was currently in final draft form.

Rep. Jack R. Draxler presented the report of the Government Operations Interim Committee. Sen. Margaret Dayton asked to be excused. Rep. Draxler reported that the committee spent considerable time on state school board elections but that more time is still needed to develop a solution that can be widely supported by legislators. The committee also reviewed the issue of plurality where no candidate wins a majority vote in a primary election.

3. Letter to Legislative Management Committee

Chair Niederhauser explained that this item was postponed until the next Legislative Management Committee meeting on December 15, 2015.

4. Sunset Reports

Mr. Robert Rees, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, distributed and discussed "Sunset Review" and "Items to be Automatically Repealed that Do Not Need to be Reviewed." He explained that that the document lists provisions that are scheduled to be repealed on the dates stated in the reports, and assigned committee recommendations to either extend the statutes, allow them to sunset, or have the sunset provision removed from the statute.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Escamilla, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Okerlund, Rep. King, and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

Chair Niederhauser adjourned the meeting at 11:31 a.m.