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MINUTES OF THE

SENATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

Tuesday, December 15, 2015 – 10:30 a.m. – Room 450 Capitol Building

Members Present:

Sen. Mark B. Madsen, Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher

Members Absent:

Sen. Todd Weiler

Staff Present:

Mr. Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst
Ms. Lori Rammell, Legislative Assistant

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 10:35 a.m.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2015, meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

Mr. Gary Scheller, Director, Utah Office for Victims of Crime, explained the purpose of the office, including administering the Crime Victims Trust Account and victim assistance grants. He explained the role of the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board in setting administrative policy. He gave background information on both nominees and described their expertise in victim advocacy. Mr. Scheller responded to questions from the committee regarding the other members of the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board and the criminal fines that fund the Crime Victims Trust Account.

2. Consideration of proposed appointment of Julee Gordon Smith as a member of the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board

Ms. Smith explained her experience with the Utah Office for Victims of Crime and as an advocate for juvenile victims of crime. She responded to questions from the committee about possible conflicts of interest.

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to approve the appointment of Julee Gordon Smith as a member of the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board. The vote in favor was unanimous with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

3. Consideration of proposed appointment of Brooks Ryan Keeshin as a member of the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board

Dr. Keeshin explained his background as a board certified pediatric physician. He stated that his interest is in helping children who are victims of abuse. Dr. Keeshin responded to questions from the committee regarding what he considers the primary needs of children who are victims of abuse.

MOTION: Sen. Hillyard moved to approve the appointment of Brooks Ryan Keeshin as a member of the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board. The vote in favor was unanimous with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

4. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Jenkins moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

Chair Madsen adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m.