

**MINUTES OF THE
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & LABOR
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 25, House Building

February 11, 2016

Members Present: Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chairman
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher, House Chairman
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Vice Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Evan Vickers
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. John R. Westwood
Rep. Mark Wheatley
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent: Rep. Johnny Anderson
Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Staff Present: Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Sen. Shiozawa called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Request for Appropriation

Melva Sine, Utah Restaurant Association, distributed a handout and requested \$210,000 ongoing for **Taste Utah** Marketing Initiative.

Rep. Pitcher assumed the chair.

Sen. Shiozawa and Sarah Pearce, Managing Director, **Sundance Film Festival**, requested \$1 Million ongoing and distributed a handout.

Sen. Shiozawa resumed the chair.

Rep. Dee, assisted by Brent Lange, Vice President and CAO, **Hale Center Theatre**, who distributed a handout, requested \$100,000 one time to subsidize pay to contracted performers.

Rep. Snow, assisted by Sue Cox, Elizabeth Bingham, and Kevin Smith, distributed a handout and requested \$400,000 one-time for capital financing for **Tuacahn Center for the Arts**.

Sen. Vickers, assisted by Scott Phillips, Executive Director, **Utah Shakespeare Festival**, distributed a handout and requested \$150,000 ongoing to support the programs, operations, and facilities of the Festival.

Sen. Iwamoto and Jonathan Thorne, employment and labor attorney, requested \$70,000 ongoing for one FTE, educational specialist, for **Labor Commission Outreach and Education**.

Rep. Ipson, assisted by Craig Peterson, Remote Possibilities Airplane Club, requested \$20,000 one-time to build a road to the **St. George Model Airplane Field**.

Rep. Wilson, assisted by Cynthia Buckingham, Executive Director, **Utah Humanities**, requested \$35,000 one-time and \$35,000 ongoing to increase the number of museums in the Museum on Main Street program who can receive the Smithsonian exhibit.

Rep. Val Peterson, assisted by Tami Goetz, **Stem Action Center**, requested \$11 Million one-time to go towards individualized math instruction, an additional \$1.5 Million one-time toward STEM endorsement for teachers, and \$2.5 Million one-time towards robotics grants and competitions. Director Goetz discussed the STEM Action Center Grant Program Evaluation Report 2014-15. Denise LeBaron, teacher in the Davis School District, reported on her experiences with the math technology products.

Rep. Noel, assisted by Joel Rosenberg, conductor and violist, distributed a handout and requested \$30,000 one-time for **Amazing Earthfest**, a 7-day festival in Kanab.

Sen. Okerlund and John Green, **KUER** General manager, distributed a handout and requested \$300,000 one-time for the Southwest Utah Signal Expansion Project, so that KUER can reach 200,000 residents in Southern Utah.

Rep. Pitcher assumed the chair.

Rep. Gibson distributed a handout and requested \$150,000 one-time for **The Big Outdoors Expo**.

Rep. Owens, assisted by Alison Anderson, Friends of Historic Spring City, requested \$175,000 one-time for **Historic Restoration Spring City School**. The school will become a community center and city hall.

Rep. Briscoe, assisted by Scott George, Woodbury Corp., and Scott Beck, Visit Utah, requested \$1.25 Million ongoing for **Outdoor Retailer Pavilion Support**.

Sen. Shiozawa resumed the chair.

Sen. Dubakis, assisted by Sarah West, Director of Development, distributed a handout and requested \$100,000 one-time to launch the **Ballet West Innovation International Choreographic Festival**.

Rep. Oda, assisted by Kevin Ireland, Chair, requested \$250,000 ongoing for the **Hill Airforce Base Air Show**, the largest military based air show in the nation held biennially at HAFB.

Sen. Urquhart and Derryl Yeager, Founder and Artistic Director, requested \$150,000 one-time for **Odyssey Dance Theater**.

Sen. Christensen, assisted by Jeff Spencer, Vice Chair, and Gregg Buxton, Ogden City, requested \$957,000 one-time for **Ogden Archery Complex** to be built at the former landfill in West Ogden.

Rep. Stratton, assisted by Sherry Peterson, Vice President, distributed a handout and requested \$100,000 one-time for **American Freedom Festival**.

Sen. Davis requested \$25,000 one-time for the **Tibetan Community Center** to retire debt on the reconstruction of the Center. Sen. Davis also requested \$15,000 ongoing for the **Utah Council for Citizen Diplomacy**.

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to approve the minutes of the February 3 & 9, 2016 meetings. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Millner, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Pitcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved that the committee transfer \$100,000 one-time allocated to international trade in the Business Development - Outreach & International Trade program in FY 2016 to the Legislature - Legislative Services Line Item. Funding was erroneously allocated to GOED in the 2015 General Session. Rep. Barlow also moved to modify the intent language for the Tax Commission - Tax Administration Line Item to reflect Subcommittee discussion, as follows:

Under the terms of the 63J-1-603 of the Utah Code, the Legislature intends that appropriations provided for the Tax Commission in Item 14, Chapter 3, Laws of Utah 2015 not lapse at the close of Fiscal Year 2016. These funds are to be used to protect and enhance the State's tax and motor vehicle systems and processes; to continue to protect the State's revenues from tax fraud, identity theft, and security intrusions; and for litigation and related costs.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Millner, Rep. Wilson, and Rep. Pitcher absent for the vote.

Rep. Froerer, assisted by Robb Hall, Executive Director, distributed a handout and asked for \$500,000 one-time to support a new educational building on the current site in Ogden, Utah for **Youth Impact**.

Rep. Noel, assisted by Cheryl Brown and Karen Kelly, staff at Kanab High School, distributed a flyer and requested \$250,000 one-time to create **K-Town Plaza**, a safe place for teens.

Rep. Noel, assisted by Kane County Commissioner, Dirk Clayson, and Kelly Stowell, Kanab Economic Development, requested \$350,000 one time to build an outdoor meeting area at **Kanab Trail Jackson Flat Reservoir**.

The upcoming prioritization process was explained which will take place at the meeting Friday, February 12, 2016 at 12:30 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Westwood moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Davis, Sen. Millner, Sen. Stevenson, and Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

Sen. Shiozawa adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Chair

Rep. Dixon Pitcher, Chair