

**MINUTES OF THE  
TRANSPORTATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Alvin B. Jackson, Senate Chair  
Rep. Johnny Anderson, House Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Rep. Stewart Barlow  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Brad L. Dee  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Rep. Michael S. Kennedy  
Rep. Brad King  
Rep. David E. Lifferth

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Dean Sanpei  
Rep. Mike Schultz

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Karen Mayne

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Alex R. Janak, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Kurt P. Gasser, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Mr. Joshua M. Weber, 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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Jackson called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. Sen. Mayne was excused from the meeting.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Anderson and Rep. Barlow were absent for the vote.

Mr. Janak briefly discussed the Open and Public Meetings Act and compliance regarding it.

**2. Unmanned Aerial Vehicles**

Mr. Michael Myers, Regional Aviation Inspector, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), and Mr. Max MacArthur, Manager, Flight Standards District Office, spoke to the committee and made a handout, "Unmanned Aircraft Systems: UAS 101," available. They discussed the FAA's role in the integration of small unmanned aircraft systems into the national airspace, the current rules regarding these systems, and a proposed new FAA rule for small unmanned aircraft systems. They responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Tom McMahon, Vice President, Advocacy and Public Affairs, Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International, presented "Overview of the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Industry." He gave a brief overview of the role the Association for Unmanned Vehicle Systems International plays in regards to the UAS industry on both the federal and state levels. He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Marshall Wright, Mountain West Unmanned Systems Alliance, presented "Mountain West Unmanned Systems Alliance (MWUSA)." He discussed the relationship the alliance has with several colleges in Utah and how the alliance plans to become more involved in a legislative role. He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Dave Terry, owner, Silverhawk Aerial Imaging, discussed the challenges his company faces in striving to comply with federal unmanned aircraft systems regulations.

Mr. Mac McKee, Director, Utah Water Research Laboratory, Utah State University, addressed the committee. He also expressed his concerns regarding federal regulations and receiving a certificate of authorization from the Federal Aviation Administration so that the university can accomplish its designated tasks.

Mr. Brad Wardle, Assistant Director, Utah Fire and Rescue Academy, Utah Valley University, addressed the committee. He discussed the ways in which the academy utilizes unmanned aircraft systems. He asked the committee to consider the academy as they draft legislation so that the academy may continue to utilize unmanned aircraft systems for the Incident Command System.

Mr. Jeremiah Riley, Box Elder County Redevelopment Agency, addressed the committee. He discussed the importance of Utah's UAS testing and training center and the ways in which it benefits rural areas.

Mr. Darrell Green, professor, Utah Valley University, addressed the committee. He asked that the committee be cautious as it drafts legislation and promulgates rules regarding unmanned aircraft systems.

Mr. Adam Robertson, Chief Technical Officer, Fortem Technologies, addressed the committee. He stressed the importance of exercising restraint in implementing regulations. He responded to questions from the committees.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to establish an informal working group regarding unmanned aerial systems. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams, Sen. Harper, Rep. Anderegg, Rep. Dee, Rep. Fawson, and Rep. Kennedy were absent for the vote.

Chair Jackson asked Rep. Christofferson and Sen. Harper to lead the group.

### **3. Other Business/Adjourn**

Mr. Gasser and Ms. Halverson reported on legislation from the transportation subject area that passed during the 2016 General Session. They gave an overview of the bills and any action that occurred on any of the bills to date.

**MOTION:** Rep. Lifferth moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Adams, Sen. Harper, Sen. Hinkins, Rep. Anderegg, Rep. Dee, Rep. Fawson, Rep. Kennedy, Rep. King, and Rep. Moss were absent for the vote.

Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.