

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, May 17, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Speaker Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent:

Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Staff Present:

Mr. Michael E. Christensen, Director
Mr. John L. Fellows, General Counsel
Ms. Denise L. Udy, Administrative 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 Hughes called the meeting to order at 1:29 p.m.

MOTION: President Niederhauser moved the approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams, and Sen. Davis absent for the vote.

2. Risk Management Settlement

Ms. Tani Pack Downing, Director, Division of Risk Management, briefly described a case for which the state of Utah has reached a settlement. Because the settlement for the case exceeded \$500,000, review and recommendation by the Legislative Management Committee is required.

MOTION: President Niederhauser moved to recommend that the Division of Risk Management move forward with the settlement. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Adams absent for the vote.

3. Letters from Interim Committees

Mr. Christensen discussed a letter from the chairs of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim committee. Mr. Christensen explained that this letter requested a site visit to study potential state park facility expansion, including the possibility of developing SITLA lands adjacent to existing parks; and study wildfire issues. He also stated that a location has not been decided but Southern Utah is the intended destination.

At the request of Mr. Christensen, Mr. Brian Allred, Legislative Research and General Counsel, Policy Analyst for the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee, stated that the

chairs are still trying to determine where the site visit will be, and how many nights the committee would stay.

Rep. Briscoe asked if the existing parks mentioned in the letter included state and national parks.

Mr. Allred answered that the committee would consider the possibility of developing SITLA lands adjacent to state and national parks.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to approve the request for the site visit as requested, with one nights lodging authorized. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Appropriations Subcommittees Interim Schedule

Mr. Christensen discussed the appropriations subcommittees interim schedule.

MOTION: President Niederhauser moved to approve at least two meetings of Appropriations Subcommittees during the 2016 Interim Session. The meetings will be tentatively scheduled as follows: Block A (Business, Economic Development, and Labor; Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality; Public Education, Social Services) – June 16 and September 22; Block B (Executive Offices and Criminal Justice; Higher Education; Infrastructure and General Government) – July 14 and October 20. Appropriations Subcommittees may request of the Management Committee a third, optional meeting, that they might combine with one of the above fixed date meetings to accommodate tours or off-site meetings. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Interim Committee Study Assignments

Mr. Fellows discussed a letter from the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Education, concerning transgender students in public schools.

MOTION: Sen. Dabakis moved to send the letter to the Education Interim Committee for study and that they also be asked to study bullying and violence against transgender students in Utah schools.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: President Neiderhauser moved to assign the issue to the Education Interim Committee and encourage them to examine the impacts it will have on Utah schools and Utah transgender students identify any possible legislative actions. This study could include a public hearing with the state board of education and the federal delegation where they can discuss the issues and allow the public to express concerns and ask questions. The motion passed with Rep. Briscoe, and Rep. Chavez-Houck voting in opposition.

Sen. Davis requested that President Neiderhauser include the issue of violence against transgender students as a study item in the motion.

President Neiderhauser explained that he would rather the motion be less descriptive to allow the chairs of the committee to make decisions on where the study goes.

Sen. Davis requested clarification concerning the chairs ability to add the topic of violence against transgender students as a study item in the future.

Rep. King stated his concern about studying the impact on schools, and not studying the impact on the children in the schools.

6. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: President Niederhauser moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hughes adjourned the meeting at 2:09 p.m.