

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE JUDICIAL CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE**  
Friday, June 3, 2016 – 10:00 a.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Scott K. Jenkins, Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart  
Sen. Todd Weiler

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Jerry D. Howe, Managing Policy Analyst  
Ms. Susan Creager Allred, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Lucy W. Daynes, 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 Jenkins called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. Sen. Hillyard was excused from the meeting.

**2. Interview of Ms. Jill Pohlman**

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of the judicial candidate, Ms. Jill Pohlman. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Urquhart and Sen. Weiler absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins requested that the candidate and all audience members leave the committee room for the closed portion of the meeting.

The committee met in closed session.

The committee invited the candidate into the closed session.

Chair Jenkins invited the audience back into the committee room.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Jenkins noted that Ms. Pohlman was placed under oath by Mr. Howe when the committee met with the candidate in closed session, and that the oath would remain in effect through the remainder of the meeting.

Ms. Pohlman introduced her family and friends in attendance. She offered a personal statement on her upbringing, education, and legal experience.

Ms. Pohlman answered questions from the committee regarding her professional experience, qualifications, and understanding of specific constitutional provisions.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Ms. Jill Pohlman be confirmed as a judge on the Utah Court of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Interview of Mr. David Mortensen**

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to close the meeting for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, and physical or mental health of the judicial candidate, Mr. David Mortensen. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins requested that the candidate and all audience members leave the committee room for the closed portion of the meeting.

The committee met in closed session.

The committee invited the candidate into the closed session.

Chair Jenkins invited the audience back into the committee room.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to open the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins noted that Mr. Mortensen was placed under oath by Mr. Howe when the committee met with the candidate in closed session, and that the oath would remain in effect through the remainder of the meeting.

Mr. Mortensen introduced his family and friends in attendance. He offered a personal statement on his family, upbringing, and his legal practice prior to becoming a judge. He summarized his judicial philosophy and qualifications.

Mr. Mortensen answered questions from the committee regarding aspects of his professional experience.

**MOTION:** Sen. Knudson moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate that Mr. David Mortensen be confirmed as a judge on the Utah Court of Appeals. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent for the vote.

#### **4. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent for the vote.

Chair Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 12:12 p.m.