

**MINUTES OF THE
LEGISLATIVE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, June 14, 2016 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Speaker Gregory H. Hughes, Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
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:

President Wayne L. Niederhauser, Vice Chair

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

Speaker Hughes called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Gibson moved the approval of the minutes of the May 17, 2016 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis, and Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

2. State Homeless Coordinating Committee

Ms. Kathy Bounous, General Counsel, Director of Appeals and Legislative Affairs, Department of Workforce Services, presented “Proposed Awards from Homeless to Housing Account.” She discussed five awards for the consideration of the committee.

Rep. Gison elaborated on how the \$1,200,000 award for the Midvale Clinic in Salt Lake County would be used.

Sen. Mayne asked for clarification concerning the location of two proposed shelters in Salt Lake City.

Ms. Bounous explained that the locations have not been selected. She discussed the Homeless Services Site Commission’s process for selection of sites.

Speaker Hughes discussed the possibility of repurposing current sites. He also discussed the desire to have an overall plan to deal with issues concerning homelessness.

3. Legislative Intern Program Policy

Mr. Christensen discussed “Legislative Intern Program Proposed Changes for the 2017 General Session.” Mr. Christensen reviewed the option of starting the Legislative intern program on the first business day of January. Mr. Christensen also presented information on the suggested increase in intern pay to cover the extension of hours worked by interns during the intern program.

Sen. Okerlund, and Rep. King expressed concerns about the ability of legislators to keep interns busy throughout the proposed extended hours.

Mr. Christensen discussed the process of assigning shared interns to ensure that work is available to all interns.

Rep. Dunnigan asked for clarification on the training schedule of the interns.

Mr. Christensen explained that the schools provide training to the students before they start working for legislators. Interns would still need to attend those classes during the first two weeks of the program. Mr. Christensen stated that this would make the interns available part-time during the afternoons during the first two weeks of the extended program.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved that the intern start date be moved to a week earlier, which would be the second Monday in January, and to give leadership authority to approve earlier start dates for interns for members of respected caucuses as needed and requested. Also, the intern stipend be increased to \$2775 to compensate for the additional week of work by interns. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Letters from Interim Committees

Mr. Christensen discussed three letters from appropriations subcommittees. Mr. Christensen explained that the Public Education Appropriation subcommittee has asked to move their June 16th meeting to August 4th, the Higher Education Appropriation subcommittee has asked that their July 14th meeting be cancelled and a replacement meeting be authorized for August 2nd, and Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations subcommittee has requested an additional meeting on September 23rd.

Sen. Davis asked a clarifying question concerning the dates of the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations subcommittee.

Mr. Christensen explained that the meeting will occur on September 23rd, a day after the subcommittee’s previously scheduled meeting on September 22nd. This will not be an overnight meeting, but both meetings will be held in Salt Lake.

MOTION: Sen. Okerlund moved to approve the requests in all three letters. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

5. Other Items / Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Speaker Hughes adjourned the meeting at 2:31 p.m.