

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 – 1:15 p.m. – Room 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. David P. Hinkins, Senate Chair
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
Rep. Scott H. Chew
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Brad L. Dee
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards
Rep. Stephen G. Handy
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Angela Romero

Rep. Scott D. Sandall
Rep. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Rep. Ken Ivory, House Chair
Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Mike K. McKell

Staff Present:

Mr. Adam J. Sweet, Policy Analyst
Mr. Samuel C. Johnston, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Tracey Fredman, 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.leg.utah.gov.

1. Committee Business

Chair Hinkins called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to approve the minutes of the July 13, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Davis, Rep. Romero, Rep. Sandall, and Rep. Stratton were absent for the vote.

2. Draft Legislation, "Emergency Telephone Service Amendments"

Sen. Harper introduced draft legislation "Emergency Telephone Service Amendments" (FL2017FL-0235/007) and stated that direct access to emergency services is an important public safety issue wherever a switchboard or other multi-line telephone system is being used.

Mr. John Inch Morgan, Executive Director, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center, explained that the draft legislation would require direct access to 911 emergency services from a multi-line telephone system.

Chair Hinkins indicated that a motion would be taken later in the meeting because there was not a quorum present.

3. Audit Report of A Review of the Administration of 911 Surcharges

Mr. David Gibson, Audit Supervisor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented "A Review of the Administration of 911 Surcharges."

Mr. Sweet referred to the "Audit Subcommittee Letter," which was distributed in the mailing packet, and reviewed the actions the committee is being asked to consider on the issue.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved to recommend draft legislation "Emergency Telephone Service Amendments," which was discussed under agenda item 2, as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Rep. Edwards was absent for the vote.

Ms. Tina Mathieu, Chair, Utah Communications Authority Board, commented on the accomplishments of the 911 efforts in Utah since an audit was performed in 1999 and acknowledged that there is still much work that needs to be done. She also responded to committee members' questions regarding how the board is planning to comply with recommendations contained in the audit.

MOTION: Sen. Van Tassell moved that the committee defer taking action on the issue until a later meeting to allow more time to study the audit's recommendations and in anticipation of the release of a second audit report. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Hinkins called for a short recess.

4. Governance and Management of the Utah Data Alliance

Chair Hinkins called the meeting back to order.

Rep. Jacob L. Anderegg briefed committee members on the complexities and usefulness of the Statewide Longitudinal Data System (SLDS), which provides detailed information linking education from preschool through postsecondary public education with workforce opportunities. Rep. Anderegg indicated that a working group would be formed to address issues related to the SLDS.

Dr. Albert Tay, Project Manager, Utah Data Alliance, Utah State Board of Education, presented "Statewide Longitudinal Data System." Dr. Tay discussed the history and funding of the project and assured committee members that students' personal information is protected.

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson spoke about the usefulness of the data provided through the SLDS to students who are making career path decisions.

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved that the committee endorse the formation of a working group to study the Utah Data Alliance as outlined in the discussion. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Davis, Sen. Van Tassell, and Rep. Dee were absent for the vote.

5. Other Committee Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Handy moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Davis, Sen. Van Tassell, and Rep. Dee were absent for the vote.

Chair Hinkins adjourned the meeting at 3:30 p.m.