

**MINUTES OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**
Wednesday, July 13, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 20 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chair
Rep. Rebecca P. Edwards, House Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Karen Mayne
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Rebecca Chavez-Houck
Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Kraig Powell

Rep. John R. Westwood
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Members Absent:

Rep. Keith Grover
Rep. Bradley G. Last

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan M. Hunter, Policy Analyst
Mr. Peter Asplund, Associate General
Counsel
Ms. Debra Hale, 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.

1. Committee Business

Chair Shiozawa called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Rep. Last was excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Iwamoto, Sen. Stevenson, Rep. Cunningham, and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

2. Deep-Dive: Tourism Marketing Performance Account

Mr. Val Hale, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, introduced Ms. Vicki Varela, Managing Director, Utah Office of Tourism, and commended the office for the great job it does to attract tourists to Utah.

Ms. Varela presented "Tourism Deep Dive," which provided an overview of the Utah Office of Tourism's goals, operations, funding sources, financial outlays, reporting requirements, and assessment metrics. She distributed "The State of Utah's Travel and Tourism Industry – April 2016" and responded to questions from the committee.

3. Deep-Dive: Motion Picture Incentive Program

Ms. Virginia Pearce, Director, Utah Film Commission, Governor's Office of Economic Development, presented "Utah Film Commission," which provided an overview of the program's goals, operations, funding sources, financial outlays, application approval process, reporting requirements, and assessment metrics. She addressed questions from the committee.

4. Deep-Dive: STEM Action Center

Ms. Sue Redington, Program Director, Utah STEM Action Center, and Mr. Clarence Ames, Program Specialist, Utah STEM Action Center, presented an overview of the center's goals, operations, funding

sources, financial outlays, grant application approval process, reporting requirements, and assessment metrics.

Mr. Stan Lockhart, member, STEM Action Center Board, highlighted improved test scores in some students who used products funded through the STEM program. He explained how the products could help qualify the students for an increasing number of available STEM jobs.

Ms. Redington, Mr. Ames, and Mr. Lockhart addressed questions from the committee, and possible future legislation was discussed that would allow the STEM Action Center more flexibility to direct resources to those products that prove most effective.

5. Employment Security Act – Sunset Review

Ms. Kathy Bounous, General Counsel, Department of Workforce Services, reviewed Utah's Employment Security Act, which includes a provision (35A-4-312(5)(p)) that gives the Department of Workforce Services authority to provide certain information regarding misclassified workers to the Wage and Hour Division of the United States Department of Labor. She stated that the provision will be repealed July 1, 2017, unless reauthorized by the Legislature. She explained the department's recommendation for the provision to be reauthorized in order to better assess the effectiveness of the provision, and requested the committee open a bill file to do so.

Rep. Edwards assumed the chair.

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to open a committee bill file to extend the sunset date of Utah Code Subsection 35A-4-312(5)(p). The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne, Sen. Millner, and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

6. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Mayne, Sen. Millner, and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m.