

**MINUTES OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND WORKFORCE SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, October 19, 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. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. John R. Westwood  
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Keith Grover

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Shiozawa called the meeting to order 8:35 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. DiCaro moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Iwamoto, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Millner, Rep. Last, and Rep. Powell were absent for the vote.

**2. Utah Science, Technology, and Research Initiative – Annual Report**

Dr. Ivy Estabrooke, Executive Director, Utah Science, Technology, and Research Initiative, and Mr. Gregory Bell, Chair, Governing Authority, Utah Science, Technology, and Research Initiative, reported on the initiative's activities during the past year with a presentation, "USTAR Annual Report;" a handout, "2016 Annual Report;" and supplementary documents, "USTAR Private Sector Economic Impact Study 2016" and "USTAR FY16 Annual Report – Data Appendix." They also addressed questions from the committee.

**3. Department of Workforce Services – Annual Report**

Mr. Jon Pierpont, Executive Director, Department of Workforce Services, reported on the department's activities during the past year with a presentation, "Department of Workforce Services – Annual Report 2016," and responded to questions from the committee.

**4. Department of Heritage and Arts – Annual Report**

Mr. Brian Somers, Interim Director, Department of Heritage and Arts, reviewed the department's activities during the past year with an electronic report, "Department of Heritage and Arts – Annual Report 2016," and a presentation, "Department of Heritage and Arts – Annual Report 2016." Mr. Somers responded to questions from the committee.

#### **5. Governor's Office of Economic Development – Annual Report**

Mr. Val Hale, Executive Director, Governor's Office of Economic Development, provided a handout and presentation, "Annual Report and Resource Guide – 2016," and reviewed the office's activities of the past year. He also answered questions from the committee.

#### **6. Utah Capital Investment Corporation – Annual Report**

Mr. Bret Jepsen, Managing Director, Utah Capital Investment Corporation, reported on the corporation's activities during the past year with a presentation, "Utah Capital Investment Corporation – October 2016 Updates." Mr. Jepsen and Mr. Scott Peterson, Chairman, Board of Directors, Utah Capital Investment Corporation, answered questions from the committee.

#### **7. STEM Action Center**

Ms. Tami Goetz, Director, STEM Action Center Utah, addressed legislator concerns regarding the center with a presentation, "Curiosity Unleashed." She also distributed "STEM on Hill for Utah 2016," "A State Policymaker's STEM Playbook," a letter from Emery County officials to the committee chairs, a list of STEM links, and "Promising Practices" from the Education Commission of the States. She addressed questions from the committee.

#### **8. Utah International Relations and Trade Commission – Sunset Review**

Chair Shiozawa stated that this agenda item will be addressed in the November 2016 meeting.

#### **9. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Arent moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Fillmore, Sen. Millner, Sen. Morgan, Sen. Stevenson, Rep. Cunningham, Rep. Last, and Rep. Wilson were absent for the vote.

Chair Shiozawa adjourned the meeting at 11:16 a.m.