

**MINUTES OF THE
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY COMMISSION**

Thursday, June 15, 2000 – 1:00 p.m. – Room 403 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. David H. Steele, Chair
Rep. Blake D. Chard, Chair
Sen. Robert Montgomery
Rep. Brent H. Goodfellow
Rep. David L. Zolman
Mr. Cliff L. Ames
Mr. Gerald R. Capps
Mr. Ronald L. Fox
Mr. Peter R. Genereaux
Ms. Nancy CW Gibbs
Mr. Robert W. Hood
Commissioner Stephen F. Mecham
Mr. Leon Miller
Mr. David A. Packer
Dr. Mike Petersen
Mr. Jerry P. Peterson

Members Excused:

Sen. Scott N. Howell
Justice Matthew B. Durrant
Mr. Garth Howard
Ms. Eileen B. Longsworth
Mr. David C. Moon

Staff Present:

Mr. Richard C. North,
Research Analyst
Ms. Tani Pack Downing,
Associate General Counsel
Ms. Junie G. Anderson,
Legislative Secretary

Note: A list of others present and a copy of materials distributed in the meeting are on file in the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel.

1. Call to Order - Chair Chard called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

MOTION: Mr. Ames moved to approve the minutes of the May 18, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Goodfellow, Rep. Zolman, Mr. Hood, and Mr. Packer absent for the vote.

2. How Can the State of Utah Assist The Information Technology Business (large and small) And Information Technology Employees? - Mr. Bob Egan, IBM, briefed the commission on the current employee and real estate status of IBM. He discussed the technology skills and adequacy of employees selected by IBM. He noted that IBM will not be growing in Utah because IBM has chosen not to expand software development laboratories in the state.

Mr. Will McCoy, Information Technology International (ITI), distributed a document titled "Supporting and Leveraging the IT Industry: Recommendations to the State of Utah" and discussed the issues and benefits to the state from an ITI relationship.

3. How Is The Education Community (Higher, Public, & Private) Preparing Students To Enter The Information Technology Field? - Dr. Mike Petersen, Higher Education, distributed handouts titled "Recently Approved Computer Information & Engineering Degree Programs," "Computer Information Technology and Engineering Related Degrees Awarded 1989

to 1999, USHE Institution," and "Instructional Programs at USHE Institutions." He discussed the governor's challenge to double the number of graduates in the information technology and engineering fields.

Mr. Jerry Peterson, Public Education, said public education has received money from the Education Technology Initiative for education programs. He discussed other resources available to students in Utah such as the Utah Education Network. He named additional training programs for students through high schools. He mentioned that some of the technology presented to teachers through the educational system is outdated. He indicated a great need in public education for pre-service and in-service training, and the use of technology in the classroom.

Mr. Aaron Osmond, Director of Education, Novell, spoke about private components of the technology industry and the opportunity for businesses such as Novell to train individuals on technologies. He noted that Novell is focused on bringing local talent to the community to contribute to Utah's economy. He also said that Novell works with the schools to bring programs to the students.

Mr. Fox said the parties' goal should be to develop a curriculum that could adapt to meet the demands of employers.

Mr. Hood challenged the educators to meet with the CEO of small businesses and offer to become their educators of technology.

MOTION: Mr. Hood moved that the Information Technology Commission recommend the Chair of the Board of Regents form an Information Technology Task Force for Higher Education with a diverse membership. Membership should include private businesses, representatives from all types of education (including community colleges and private universities), and government. The purpose is to study information technology issues in the near future such as supply demand and problems of match between needs and curriculum, resource associated with these problems, and other related issues. The task force shall report back to the Regents, the Governor, and the Legislature. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Zolman absent for the vote.

4. Privacy - What Information About The Residents And Businesses Of The State Of Utah Is Being Sold By The State, To Whom, For What Purposes, and How Much? - Mr. Jon Ball, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, distributed a handout titled "Revenue from the Sale of Information" which included SB 174 "Use of Driver License Information." He discussed issues and recommendations included in the handout. He also discussed the issue of data-stewardship.

Mr. Packer recommended the commission study ways to assure the public that only the appropriate information is disclosed so there is no fear of technology invasion in their lives.

A discussion on management of private information, data stewardship, prevention of private information being sold, and data bases used for multi-purposes ensued.

Mr. Al Sherwood, CIO's Office, said two concepts to consider are 1) sales, and 2) disclosure and release. He said many items mentioned in the report as data sales fall under GRAMA's allowance for cost reimbursement.

MOTION: Mr. Jerry Peterson moved to invite representatives from agencies that sell information for commercial purposes to come before the commission with explanations, along with representatives from agencies that purchase the data. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Goodfellow, Rep. Zolman, Mr. Fox, Mr. Mecham, and Dr. Petersen absent for the vote.

5. Information Technology Innovation Program Grant Proposal 2000 - This item was not discussed at this meeting.

6. National Internet Council or Wireless Issue for Capitol - This item was not discussed at this meeting.

7. Commission Business - Chair Chard presented Award of Excellence plaques and expressed appreciation to Mr. Ames, Mr. Capps, Ms. Longworth, and Judge Wilkins for their service on the Information Technology Commission. Their terms on the commission will expire June 30, 2000.

Ms. Downing distributed handouts titled "Lawmakers to Approve Use of Digital Signatures," "High-Tech Industry Tells of Labor Shortage in West," "High-Tech Industry Tells of Labor Shortage in West," and "House Passes E-signature Legislation."

Mr. North distributed a handout titled "Utah Information Infrastructure Innovation Program - May 16, 2000."

8. Adjournment -

MOTION: Mr. Capps moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:49 p.m. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Goodfellow, Rep. Zolman, Mr. Fox, Mr. Mecham, Dr. Petersen, and Mr. Peterson absent for the vote.

