

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH TOMORROW STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, August 15, 2000 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 416 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Beverly Ann Evans, Senate Chair
Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw, House Chair
Sen. Joseph L. Hull
Sen. Lorin V. Jones
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler
Mr. Mark Bedel, Representing
 Ms. Natalie Gochnour
Ms. Holly Bullen, Representing
 Mr. Daniel Becker
Mr. Kim Burningham
Dr. Dianne Nielson
Mr. Melvin Parker, Representing
 Mr. Con Rowley

Members Excused:

Commissioner Kenneth A. Bischoff

Members Absent:

Rep. Loretta Baca
Mayor Christopher C. Blake
Ms. Kathleen Clarke
Mr. Gene Moser

Staff Present:

Ms. Chyleen A. Arbon, Research Analyst
Mr. Keith M. Woodwell, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Cassandra Bauman, 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. Committee Business - Chair Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 9:09 a.m.

MOTION: Ms. Diane Nielson moved to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2000 meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Evans, Sen. Hull, and Mr. Burningham absent for the vote.

2. Public Education Report - Mr. Gary Carlston, Deputy Superintendent for Public Instruction, State Office of Education, distributed and discussed the revised Public Education Report.

Mr. Bedel recommended that Mr. Carlston add more data regarding the growth of student population, such as the average class size.

Rep. Tyler asked Mr. Carlston to clarify that the 2001-2005 student enrollment statistics are based on actual birth counts and the statistics after 2005 are projections.

Sen. Hull requested that Mr. Carlston make reference to the Applied Technology Education Task Force established by the Legislature in the 2000 General Session.

Sen. Evans suggested that Mr. Carlston list the name of each Applied Technology Center and indicate that the centers are under the State Board of Education's direction.

MOTION: Rep. Tyler moved that the committee create a separate section for Applied Technology Education that includes both public and higher education and provide a statement in the individual sections referring to the separate section.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Evans moved that the committee have public and higher education put the relevant information in each education section and not create a separate Applied Technology Education section. Rep. Tyler indicated that the motion was in opposition with his original motion. Chair Bradshaw ruled the motion out of order.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION: Sen. Hull moved that the committee allow both public and higher education to indicate their responsibilities and information within their own section and then refer to a separate page that combines both public and higher education to provide a statistical overview of Applied Technology Education. The motion passed with Sen. Evans, Rep. Tyler, and Mr. Bedel voting in opposition.

Sen. Jones recommended that Mr. Carlston include statistics on how many people with disabilities are being served.

Mr. Burningham suggested that Mr. Carlston include more data regarding teachers. He stated that the professional development of teachers is a very important issue and that it needs to be evaluated with measures such as certification and the supply and demand for teachers in general.

3. Higher Education Report - Mr. Michael Petersen, Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, State Board of Regents, explained the changes made to the Higher Education Report which were requested at the last meeting.

Mr. Bedel asked if there were any historical data for efficiency measures. Mr. Petersen explained that there are no historical data due to the transition from the quarter system to the semester system.

Sen. Evans recommended that Mr. Petersen clarify what the efficiency index is and how it is calculated.

Rep. Bradshaw asked that Mr. Petersen spell out the acronyms for the various educational degrees.

Ms. Jennifer Knowles, Intern, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, recommended that Mr. Petersen include in the report the standard amount of credits required for each educational degree.

Sen. Jones asked if the State Board of Regents considered raising the target for teaching hours. Mr. Petersen explained that the number of teaching hours is consistent with or above the national average. Mr. David Colvin, Program Officer for Strategic Planning, State Board of Regents, indicated that the report should include the board's standard for teaching hours per week.

4. Other Items / Adjourn - The next meeting will be held Tuesday, October 10, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. in room 416.

MOTION: Sen. Jones moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, with Sen. Evans absent for the vote. Chair Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.

