

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH TOMORROW STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, May 29, 2002 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 416 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Rep. Afton B. Bradshaw, House Chair  
Rep. Patricia W. Jones  
Rep. A. Lamont Tyler  
Mr. Daniel Becker  
Commissioner Kenneth A. Bischoff  
Mr. Mark Bedel, representing Mr. Wes Curtis  
Mr. Robert Morgan  
Mr. Brent Bradford, representing Dr. Dianne Nielson  
Mr. Gene Moser

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Beverly Evans, Senate Chair  
Sen. Paula Julander  
Sen. Bill Wright  
Mr. Rich Kendell  
Mr. Kim Burningham

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Chyleen A. Arbon, Research Analyst  
Ms. Cassandra N. Bauman, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present and a copy of materials can be found at <http://www.image.le.state.ut.us/imaging/history.asp> or by contacting the committee secretary at 538-1032.

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Bradshaw called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

**MOTION:** Mr. Morgan moved to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2002 meeting with a technical correction. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Critical Issues Facing Utah in the Next 10 Years**

**Human Services**

Ms. Robin Arnold-Williams, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, distributed "Human Services Subject Area–Critical Issues for the Next 10 Years." She explained that the critical issues in human services are demographics, substance abuse, and Utah's workforce.

**Health and Safety**

Ms. Lois Haggard, Director, Office of Public Health Assessment, Department of Health, distributed "Top 3 Issues for Utah Health and Safety for the Next 10 Years." She explained that health insurance coverage, immunizations, and motor vehicle crash injuries are the most critical issues.

**Culture and Economic Development**

Ms. Shari Kille, Planning Director, Department of Community and Economic Development, distributed "Department of Community and Economic Development–Three Critical Issues." She explained that incentive issues, capitalizing on the Olympic experience, and ecosystems are the top critical issues in economic development and that appreciation of cultural diversity and heritage, poverty issues as they impact quality of life, and community infrastructure are the top critical issues in culture/quality of life.

### **Public Education**

Mr. David Steele, Coordinator, Planning and Project Services, Utah State Board of Education, distributed "Utah Tomorrow Committee," indicating important issues in public education. He explained that student population increase, adequate supply of quality teachers, and the Elementary and Secondary Education Act are the top critical issues Utah will face in public education over the next 10 years.

### **Higher Education**

Ms. Cecelia Foxley, Commissioner, Board of Regents, distributed "*Utah Tomorrow* Critical Issues in Utah Higher Education." She explained that (1) funding, including budget cuts and tuition increases; (2) access/growth, including enrollment growth and unfunded enrollments; and (3) quality programs are important issues to higher education. She responded to questions.

### **Environment, Natural Resources, and Agriculture**

Mr. Brent Bradford, Deputy Director, Department of Environmental Quality, distributed "Utah Tomorrow—Utah Department of Environmental Quality." He explained that waste policy, funding, growth, voluntary cleanup, and management of environmental information are critical issues facing Utah. He responded to questions.

Mr. Cary Peterson, Commissioner, Department of Agriculture and Food, distributed "Agriculture Issues for the Decade." He explained that (1) safety inspection of food and beverages; (2) laboratory capacity and equipment; (3) technological support and delivery systems; (4) metrology certification and inspection; (5) animal health and safety; (6) land improvement and retention, including food production, air and quality shed protection, technical assistance, and incentives to keep productivity; (7) watershed improvement and protection, including technical assistance, incentives, and restoration of production loss; and (8) quality of life, health, and safety are all important issues to consider in agriculture over the next 10 years in Utah.

Mr. Robert Morgan, Executive Director, Department of Natural Resources, explained that energy, water, and habitat are the most critical issues in the Department. He indicated that problems with energy, water, and habitat are closely intertwined. He stated that Utah is one of the most urbanized and also one of the driest states in the U.S. He stated that a commitment to sustain conservation of energy, water, and habitat will assist in providing a better future for Utah.

### **Free Enterprise and Regulatory Systems**

Ms. Julie Alsop, Budget and Planning Manager, Utah State Tax Commission, distributed "Regulatory and Free Enterprise Systems." She explained that three strategies in obtaining the goal of strengthening the free enterprise system in Utah are accessibility, timeliness, and accuracy. She indicated that the difficulty in providing these services is funding.

### **Government and Other Public Facilities**

Mr. Mark Bedel, State and Local Planning Director, Governor's Office of Planning and Budget, distributed "Utah's Guiding Principles for Quality Growth." He explained the assumptions that underlie the principles of quality growth in developing communities, which should also apply to all levels of government. He indicated that quality of life, electronic government services, and interagency collaboration are important issues to government and other public facilities.

### **Transportation**

Ms. Linda Hull, Director of Government Affairs, Utah Department of Transportation, distributed "Critical Issues Facing Utah in the Next 10 Years—Utah Department of Transportation." She indicated that the critical issues are meeting transportation capacity needs, achieving greater operational efficiency of the transportation system, and protecting the investment in Utah's highways through preservation and maintenance of pavements and bridges. She responded to questions.

### **Justice**

Mr. Ed McConkie, Executive Director, Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, distributed "Utah Crime Reduction Plan." He explained that the UCRP (Utah Crime Reduction Plan) is divided into four sections: (1) drugs and related crime, (2) family and community violence, (3) criminal justice technology, and (4) justice system accountability. He indicated that the UCRP was created in 1999 by the Legislature. He explained that further information can be found on the Internet at [www.justice.utah.gov](http://www.justice.utah.gov).

### **3. Other Items/Adjourn**

The Committee discussed creating a new format for the 2002 Utah Tomorrow Report, by including critical issues, plans to solve the issues, and a call to action for the public to help in solving these issues.

Chair Bradshaw asked staff to prepare a proposal of the new format for discussion at the next committee meeting.

The next meeting of the Utah Tomorrow Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.

Chair Bradshaw adjourned the meeting at 11:59 a.m.