

**Part 8**  
**Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health**

**53B-17-801 Title -- Definitions.**

- (1) This part is known as "Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health."
- (2) As used in this part:
  - (a) "Affected populations" include:
    - (i) employees;
    - (ii) employers;
    - (iii) insurers;
    - (iv) professionals or professional organizations related to occupational and environmental health;
    - (v) government agencies; and
    - (vi) outside academic institutions.
  - (b) "Board" means the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Advisory Board created in Section 53B-17-803.
  - (c) "Center" means the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health.
  - (d) "Director" means the director of the center.
  - (e) "University" means the University of Utah.

Enacted by Chapter 232, 2007 General Session

**53B-17-802 Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health at the university.**

- (1) There is established at the University of Utah the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health, to be an occupational health and safety center for education and research.
- (2) The university shall operate the center in a manner so that the center is:
  - (a) eligible to be designated as an education and research center by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health in the United States Department of Health and Human Services; and
  - (b) a resource for affected populations to:
    - (i) improve workplace health and safety; and
    - (ii) contribute to economic growth and development in Utah and the surrounding region.

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**53B-17-803 Advisory board created.**

- (1) The university shall create an advisory board known as the "Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health Advisory Board" to:
  - (a) promote occupational health and safety in Utah and the surrounding region;
  - (b) promote the interests and mission of the center by advising the director on issues including:
    - (i) operation of the center as a multidisciplinary, state-of-the-art program at the university;
    - (ii) developing and maintaining state and institutional support;
    - (iii) emerging local or regional, occupational health and safety education and research needs;
    - (iv) continuing education and outreach to local and regional occupational health and safety professionals;

- (v) coordinating with other local or regional entities that promote occupational health and safety in a manner that meets the needs of both employers and employees; and
  - (vi) grant requirements and renewal;
  - (c) advise the director on the expenditure by the center of public funds including:
    - (i) funds appropriated by the Legislature;
    - (ii) donations; and
    - (iii) federal or other grants; and
  - (d) develop recommendations for the long-term operation of the center consistent with Section 53B-17-802.
- (2)
- (a) The board shall consist of no fewer than 15 and no more than 18 persons who represent the affected populations.
  - (b) The university shall establish reasonable bylaws for the operation of the board including:
    - (i) the selection of board members;
    - (ii) quorum requirements; and
    - (iii) voting requirements.
- (3) The board shall elect a board chair and vice chair from among the board members by a vote of the members.
- (4)
- (a) The board shall have an executive committee consisting of:
    - (i) the board chair;
    - (ii) the board vice chair; and
    - (iii) three other board members, selected by the board chair in consultation with the director.
  - (b) The executive committee shall meet at least quarterly to advise the center and to plan for board meetings.
- (5) The board chair, in consultation with the director, shall call board meetings at least two times each calendar year.
- (6) The board and the executive committee are subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
- (7) A board member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:
  - (a) Section 63A-3-106;
  - (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
  - (c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

Amended by Chapter 286, 2010 General Session

**53B-17-804 Reporting.**

- (1)
- (a) The board, through the director and the board chair, shall provide by no later than July 1 of each year, a written report to the president of the university.
  - (b) The report required by this Subsection (1) shall:
    - (i) summarize the center's activities and accomplishments in the immediate preceding calendar year; and
    - (ii) provide information and the board's advice and recommendations on how the state, university, and the center can:
      - (A) improve workplace health and safety; and
      - (B) contribute to economic growth and development in Utah and the surrounding region.

- (2)
- (a) If the center receives in a fiscal year money from the Eddie P. Mayne Workplace Safety and Occupational Health Funding Program provided for in Section 34A-2-701, the center shall provide a written report:
    - (i) by no later than the August 15 following the fiscal year;
    - (ii) to the Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst;
    - (iii) for review by the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;
    - (iv) that accounts for the expenditure of money received in the fiscal year by the center from the Eddie P. Mayne Workplace Safety and Occupational Health Funding Program including impact on workplace safety in Utah; and
    - (v) that includes a preliminary statement as to money the center will request from the Eddie P. Mayne Workplace Safety and Occupational Health Funding Program for the fiscal year following the day on which the report is provided.
  - (b) A report provided under this Subsection (2) meets the reporting requirements under Subsection 34A-2-701(5)(b)(i)(B).

Amended by Chapter 43, 2013 General Session

**53B-17-805 Appointment and removal of director.**

- (1) Subject to the advice and consent of the senior vice president for health sciences and after consultation with the individuals listed in Subsection (2), one of the following specified by the senior vice president for health sciences shall appoint and may remove the director:
  - (a) the chair of the department within the university where the center resides; or
  - (b) a designee of the senior vice president for health sciences.
- (2) The appointment or removal of the director under Subsection (1) may be made only after consultation with:
  - (a) the senior vice president for academic affairs or the dean of the graduate school;
  - (b) the dean of the school of medicine or the dean's designee;
  - (c) the dean of the college of engineering or the dean's designee; and
  - (d) the board through the board chair.

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