

**MINUTES OF THE
RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Room 30 House Building, State Capitol Complex
February 15, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Todd Weiler, Co-Chair
 Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
 Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
 Sen. Gene Davis
 Sen. Margaret Dayton
 Sen. Karen Mayne
 Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
 Rep. Jack R. Draxler
 Rep. Susan Duckworth
 Rep. Steve Eliason
 Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
 Rep. Bradley G. Last
 Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

MEMBERS ABSENT: Rep. Gage Froerer
 Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Vice Chair

STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Brian D. Fay, Fiscal Analyst
 Ms. Angela J. Oh, Economist/Statistician
 Ms. Karen Mitchell, Committee Secretary

Note: A list of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Rep. Powell called the meeting to order at 12:28 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2013 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne, Sen. Thacher, and Rep. Last absent for the vote.

The Leonardo

Mr. Nick Gibbs, President, Governing Board The Leonardo, explained that The Leonardo has been built with many generous donations from the community and mentioned several of the donors. The Leonardo opened sixteen months ago and since the opening they have had a rise in attendance as well as participation from the community. Mr. Gibbs mentioned many distinguished guests that have visited the exhibits. He further stated that they introduced ten new exhibits to the state among them, "Made in Utah" which is a collection of Utah's homegrown inventions and technologies that were spawned here in the state.

Ms. Lorena Jenson, Board of Directors The Leonardo, presented a video to the committee. She

stated that the next exhibition in The Leonardo would be the Dead Sea Scrolls, giving every family in the state the opportunity to enjoy and learn about these ancient records. Thanking the Legislature for the creation of The Leonardo she asked the committee for further support. They are asking for \$750,000 one-time in FY 2014.

Ms. Alexandra Hesse, Executive Director The Leonardo, responded to questions from the committee.

2-1-1

Ms. Amy Bosworth, Director of 2-1-1 of Salt Lake, provided the committee with handouts. She explained that 2-1-1 is a designated phone number for health and human services to receive information regarding critical services. They are requesting \$550,000 ongoing to enhance their program in the following ways: (1) Implementation of call center software and phone system, training, and support, (2) Achieve a 24/7 status to ensure that Utahns in crisis or in times of disaster have constant access to 2-1-1, (3) Two additional resource specialists dedicated to gathering and enhancing information, (4) Enhance outreach in time of personal/family crisis or large-scale disaster for the state, and (5) Increase highly trained staff to respond to community inquiries.

Ms. Bosworth gave an example of how 2-1-1 had assisted a woman in need. As a result of the help she received through 2-1-1 she was able to retain her job, as well as stay active and productive in her community role.

Mr. John Curtis, Provo City Mayor, told the committee how 2-1-1 had helped them after a wind storm in Provo City. The community teamed up with 2-1-1 without any city resources being involved. Volunteers called the 2-1-1 number and were matched to individuals who needed help removing debris from their yards. He stated it has been a tremendous resource in his community to take care of similar disasters over the years.

Mayor Curtis and Ms. Bosworth responded to questions from the committee regarding the funding they are requesting.

Public Employees Health Plan

Mr. Chet Loftus, Director PEHP, stated that they provide health insurance, dental insurance, and life insurance to public employees throughout the state. He further stated that their funding is stable and they don't anticipate any building blocks this year. They have implemented four Legislative Initiatives this year: (1) Utah Basic Plus, (2) Autism Pilot Program, (3) Active Open Enrollment, and (4) a Clinical Health Exchange. They need one-time money to replace funds used in the Risk Pool which is the same amount that was appropriated in the year 2007. Mr. Loftus responded to questions from the committee.

Utah State Retirement Systems

Mr. Robert Newman, Executive Director, Utah State Retirement System (URS) provided handouts and reported on a performance review that was conducted which stated that URS operates a very complex pension plan that is high in service and low in cost. Mr. Newman responded to questions from the committee.

Department of Human Resource Management Total Benefits

Ms. Debbie Cragun, Director, Department of Human Resource Management, provided a handout to the committee. Ms. Cragun explained to the committee the total compensation mix. The Department had a study conducted in 2011 by the Hay Group which indicated that the State employees are not far behind in Benefit Mix when compared to both public and private sector employers. The Department plans on updating the study every two years.

Ms. Cragun stated the Governor's recommendations for salary increases and explained them to the committee. The Director then responded to questions from the committee.

Committee Action

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to amend her motion from the previous meeting and replace it with UEN: Elementary Connectivity Phase 2, \$250,00 Ongoing; UEN: Elementary Connectivity Phase 3, \$250,000 ongoing.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Mayne, and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to add The Leonardo, \$750,000 one-time, and 2-1-1, \$550,000 ongoing to the priority list.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to add UEN: Capital Equipment Maintenance/Replacement, \$1,600,000 ongoing, and UEN: Capital Equipment Maintenance/ Replacement, \$2,900,000 one-time.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne and Sen. Thatcher absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Bramble moved the 2-1-1 preference for this request is to be funded ongoing.

If ongoing funds are not available, one-time funding is recommended.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne, Sen. Thatcher, and Rep. Hemingway absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to add UEN: Multimedia Infrastructure, \$1,026,000 one-time, and UEN: Multimedia Infrastructure, \$453,000 ongoing.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Mayne, Sen. Thatcher, and Rep. Hemingway absent for the vote.

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to divide UEN: Capital Equipment Maintenance/Replacement, \$800,000 ongoing and \$800,000 one-time.

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MOTION: Sen. Davis moved to adjourn. The motion passed with Sen. Weiler, Rep. Draxler, and Rep. Eliason voting in opposition. Sen. Mayne, Sen. Thatcher, Rep. Duckworth, and Rep. Last were absent for the vote.

Rep. Powell adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.

Sen. Todd Weiler, Chair

Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair