

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

Room 30 House Building, State Capitol Complex
January 27, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sen. Todd Weiler, Co-Chair
Rep. Kraig Powell, Chair
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson, Vice 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. Gage Froerer
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. Bradley G. Last

MEMBERS ABSENT: Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

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

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Rep. Powell called the meeting to order at 4:27 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to approve the minutes of the February 26, 2013 meeting as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble and Rep. Nelson absent for the vote.

Utah Education Network

Ms. Angela Oh, Economist/Statistician, explained that the Utah Education Network (UEN) is partnership of Utah's public and higher education institutions. Part of their responsibilities are the operation of KUEN TV, providing interactive video distance education video services, connecting state computers to each other and to the internet, and hosting and supporting on-line content for public education, higher education and public libraries.

UEN has seven programs which are: 1) Administration, which provides leadership and financial

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management to the Utah Education Network. 2) Operations and Maintenance Program supports costs of the Eccles Broadcast Center and other data centers. 3) Public Information Program supports communication through research, planning, implementation, evaluation processes and initiatives. 4) KUEN TV Broadcast which supports operations and programming of public education instructional television, college and adult education tele-courses, and life long learning. 5) Technical Services provides network infrastructure required to delivered services by UEN. 6) Course Management Systems (CMS) provide internet applications that allow students and faculty to complete most course tasks on-line from any location. 7) Instructional Support offers training on integrated technology.

Ms. Oh further explained budget and performance measures and answered questions from the committee.

Mr. Ray Timothy, Executive Director, assisted by Ms. Lisa Kuhn, Chief Financial Officer, presented a video to the committee. Mr Timothy explained the information provided in a handout entitled "Welcome to UEN" and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to approve the appropriation shift of \$250,000 from General Fund to Education Fund for the Utah Education Network in House Bill 6, Item 3. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble absent for the vote.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to approve the approve the fiscal year 2015 base budget for the Utah Education Network as presented by the Analyst. The motion passed unanimously.

Career Service Review Office

Mr. Brian Fay, Fiscal Analyst, explained that the Career Service Review Office reviews the grievance process for state employees.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to reduce the fiscal year 2015 base budget for the Career Service Review Office to \$255,000 from the General Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Sen. Weiler moved to increase the non-lapsing balance authority in fiscal year 2014 for the Career Service Review Office to \$30,000 to be used for Grievance Resolution. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Rep. Eliason moved to adjourn the meeting.

Rep. Powell adjourned the meeting at 5:33 p.m.

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