

**MINUTES OF THE  
BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, & LABOR  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Room 25, House Building**

February 5, 2016

**Members Present:** Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Senate Chairman  
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher, House Chairman  
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Sen. Evan Vickers  
Rep. Patrice M. Arent  
Rep. Jeremy A. Peterson  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. John R. Westwood  
Rep. Mark Wheatley  
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

**Members Absent:** Sen. Gene Davis  
Rep. Johnny Anderson  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan

**Staff Present:** Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist  
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Rosemary Young, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Rep. Pitcher called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

**Heritage and Arts Building Blocks**

Julie Fisher, Director, Department of Heritage and Arts, and Brian Somers, Deputy Director, presented the department's building block requests. For the Community Library Enhancement Fund \$100,000 one-time is requested to help local libraries achieve or maintain certification. One-time funds of \$100,000 are requested for museum grants. The funds were well used last year. For the Multicultural Youth Leadership Summit \$30,000 ongoing is requested. A short video was shown of the last summit, and it was reported that graduation rates are increasing in minority ethnic groups. The Competitive Grant Program for cultural activities is requesting \$500,000 one time. To improve parking security infrastructure, \$50,000 is requested one time.

With a handout a proposed Utah Museum of History, Heritage & Art was discussed. Valuable

state collections of art and artifacts are at risk stored in substandard facilities. It is estimated that the value of these collections is \$100 Million. The department is sponsoring a Night at Rio Grande Depot, Tues, February 16, 2016 from 7 - 9 p.m. Exclusive guided tours will be offered to legislators, their families, and staff. Samples of items in the state collections were displayed including an Alvin Gittens painting, a wooden chest and WWI military memorabilia collected and donated by Ute Last Squad.

### **USTAR Annual Report**

John Schaff, Utah Auditor General, assisted by Brian Dean, reported on the USTAR audit which is available on-line. It was reported that USTAR still needs to strengthen its outcome data collection.

Ivy Estabrook, Ph.D., Executive Director, USTAR, and Greg Bell, Chair of the Governing Authority, responded to the audit report. Dr. Estabrook has been working closely with Sen. Millner on a bill which should tighten memoranda of understanding and make it easier for USTAR to get the information it needs to track its progress. It has been difficult to get required reporting information from the universities. Susan Opp, L3 Communications, a member of the Governing Authority, reported on progress in the organization.

### **Requests for Appropriation**

Rep. Arent, assisted by Brad Peterson, former director of **Utah Office of Outdoor Recreation** presented a request for \$5 Million one-time to build recreation infrastructure throughout Utah. Todd Bingham, Utah Manufacturers Association, Michael Parker, Salt Lake Chamber, Val Hale, GOED, and Mayor Dave Sapperson, Moab all spoke in favor of the request.

Chair Shiozawa assumed the chair.

Rep. Pitcher, assisted by Uintah Mayor Lawrence Flitton, requested \$288,000 one time for the **Uintah Fire Department** station rebuild.

Rep. Pitcher, Lisa Sewell, **Utah Arts Festival** director, Bruce Bell, festival board emeritus, and Skip Branch, original chairman of the festival, distributed a handout and asked for \$150,000 one time to make possible a free admission day to Utah families to the festival.

Rep. Pitcher, assisted by Kevin Sullivan and Rob Alexander, distributed a handout and requested \$150,000 ongoing to enhance the education center at **Hill Aerospace Museum**.

Rep. Pitcher resumed the chair.

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Sen. Vickers and Donna Law from Southern Utah University distributed a handout and requested \$50,000 ongoing to expand the offerings to 40 different sporting events at the **Utah Summer Games**.

Rep. Barlow and Leslie Peterson, Vice President for Development, **Utah Symphony & Opera** requested \$300,000 one-time to take live music to rural Utah.

Dr. Wilko reviewed the two upcoming meetings.

**MOTION:** Rep. Val Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Millner, Sen. Stevenson, and Rep. Wilson absent for the vote.

Vice Chair Pitcher adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

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Sen. Brian E. Shiozawa, Chair

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Rep. Dixon Pitcher, Chair