

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES & CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE  
Room 25 House Building  
January 27, 2016**

**Members Present:** Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Co-Chair  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, Co-Chair  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Scott K. Jenkins  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Rep. Rich Cunningham  
Rep. Sophia DiCaro  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Merrill Nelson  
Rep. Curtis Oda  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

**Members Excused:** Sen. Wayne L. Niederhauser, President

**Staff Present:** Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Cindy Hopkin, 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).

Co-Chair Hutchings called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

### **1. Introduction**

Co-Chair Hutchings introduced the committee members.

### **2. Budget Overview**

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, asked the committee members if in the future they would prefer having hard copies of the minutes or to receive them online. The minutes will be available online and may be received in hard copy form upon request.

Mr. Syphus stated that the committee members have two assignments:

1. To address the Base Budget and to make Base Budget recommendations with potential reductions of reallocations by the end of the third meeting or at the latest the fourth meeting so that the staff will have time to put that information together.

2. To vote on other subcommittee action such as Building Blocks, Fees, Federal Funds, Other Reallocations, Non-State Funds, Intent Language, etc. by the end of the seventh meeting.

Mr. Syphus explained some of the tools and resources committee members can use to effectively address the assignments they have been given. There are how-to videos available at [www.youtube.com/user/UtahLegislature](http://www.youtube.com/user/UtahLegislature). There is a video on the Utah Budget Process, and the kinds of appropriations, and a COBI (Compendium of Budget Information) tour and tutorial. The staff is an additional resource if anyone has questions. [Budget.Utah.gov](http://Budget.Utah.gov) also has information. A Base Budget Bill has been prepared which has specific budget information that is linked to COBI.

Legislators have an ability to request an appropriation either by using an online form or the hard copy form and submitting it to the LFA office by noon next Thursday, February 4th so the analysts can assign them to subcommittees and set places on the agenda.

The committee will be hearing requests for appropriations on February 8th and 10th. It is important to make sure the requests include a statewide public purpose. Requests go through a state entity that must utilize the procurement process rather than direct appropriations to an interest group or vendor.

The last meeting will be on Friday, February 12th at which time the Subcommittee will finalize and prioritize the budget.

Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, presented base budget recommendations to the Subcommittee using COBI for each of the agencies on the agenda. The direction for the Subcommittee this year is to find offsets for some of the building block requests that will be presented next week.

### **3. Governor's Office**

Ms. Tenielle Young of the Governor's Office, assisted by Mr. Steve Cuthbert, presented an overview of the responsibilities, successes and budget needs of the Governor's Office.

Mr. Cuthbert stated that the Governor's Office has a goal to work with state agencies to improve and sustain their performance over time. If there is an increase in demand for government services, their first effort is to go into operations and see if they can find internal capacity to meet that demand before adding additional resources. They track performance in terms of the volume of work that is being done, the quality of work done, weighted by operational costs to provide the services.

Ms. Young provided information about the various programs of the Governor's Office such as: Character Education, the Governor's residence, Washington Funding, and others.

Mr. Ron Gordon, Executive Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), presented an agency overview of CCJJ and some of their successes. Mr. Gordon spoke about the progress of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative implementation and the LFA budget reallocations.

Mr. David Walsh, Deputy Director, CCJJ, spoke about federal funds and CCJJ budget increases in the form of grants.

#### **4. Attorney General**

Mr. Sean Reyes, Attorney General, accompanied by Mr. Werner Haidenthaller, Chief Administrative Officer, and Ms. Missy Larson, Chief Community Outreach Officer, gave an overview of what the Attorney General's Office (AGO) is, its work and its importance to the State. Their mission is to uphold the constitutions of the United States and of Utah, enforce the law, and protect the interests of Utah, its people, environment and resources. Mr. Reyes stated that 85 percent of AGO budget is personnel. There are issues with providing salary that attracts the personnel they need to represent the Legislature, state agencies, educational institutions and other entities with the number of attorneys the AGO is able to support.

#### **5. State Auditor**

Mr. John Dougall, State Auditor, spoke about some of their special projects, such as launching a new online training program for elected officials, enforcing compliance with the financial transparency website, bank statement reviews with smaller entities that are not audited, and [Hotline.utah.gov](http://Hotline.utah.gov).

Rep. Hutchings requested additional detail regarding Mr. Dougall's request from the 2015 General Session that higher education institutions be billed for audit services instead of the Office of the State Auditor (OSA) receiving direct appropriations from the State and providing audit services at no cost to those institutions.

Mr. Dougall explained that if money is appropriated to the OSA, the institution does not have the same level of interest because it is not their money; if the money flows through the institution's budget to pay the OSA for services, then both the institution and the OSA are engaged in making the audit process efficient.

#### **6. Rep. Hutchings made calendar changes to the agenda due to lack of time.**

#### **7. Juvenile Justice Services**

Ms. Susan Burke, Director, Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS), assisted by Mr. Cecil Robinson, Budget Director, JJS, presented an overview of their budget. JJS is responsible for the care, custody and control of youth that are ordered into their programs and facilities. They also operate front end preventative services and crisis shelter beds. The mission of JJS is to change young lives, support families and keep communities safe.

Ms. Burke reported that there has been a reduction in the numbers of youth in custody because of changes in the JJS programs. She also listed other successes, areas to be worked on for enhancement, and their challenges, such as: staff recruitment, youths with complex needs, aging facilities, the need for additional vehicles, and the Weber Valley Multi-Use Youth Center that is currently being built.

Rep. Hutchings pointed out that JJS is in the process of some aggressive reforms. This is a huge area of focus that is receiving national attention not only for what has been done in Utah in the area of juvenile justice, but for what is currently being done. He noted that the majority of these issues will come through this committee. Rep. Hutchings requested that the committee members take the time to be aware of the

issues and talk to the staff of JJS about the different programs they are working on to be able to understand what kind of support is needed.

### **8. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Oda moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Bramble, Sen. Jenkins, Sen. Niederhauser, Sen. Okerlund, Rep. King and Rep. Romero absent for the vote.

Co-Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

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Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Co-Chair

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