

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**
Thursday, January 26, 2017 • 5:30 pm • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Dean Sanpei, House Chair
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe

Rep. Sandra Hollins
Speaker Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. Angela Romero

Members Absent:

Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Staff Present:

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director
Mr. Steven M. Allred, Deputy Director
Ms. Greta G. Rodebush, Administrative Assistant

Note: A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Chair Sanpei called the meeting to order at 5:45 p.m.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the minutes of December 13, 2016.

The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-4.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Davis G, Escamilla L, Iwamoto J, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Hughes G, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Gibson F, Hollins S, Wilson B

2. Requests for Appropriation

[2-Request for Appropriation - Replica Vietnam Wall](#)

Rep. Stephen G. Handy introduced the request for appropriation for the Replica Vietnam Wall in Layton City - \$100,000 FY 2017 General Fund One-time.

Mr. Bob Stevenson, Mayor, City of Layton, discussed Layton City's commitment to the project that includes donation of land and infrastructure.

Mr. Dennis Howland, Chair, Vietnam Memorial Replica Wall, and former Marine Corp Vietnam

Veteran, discussed fund raising efforts, scope of the project, and benefits to veterans and their families living in Utah and surrounding western states.

Sen. Stevenson remarked that the request is a worthy project deserving of consideration.

3. Budget Reviews

Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director, LFA, reviewed the documents behind Tab 10 in the committee binders and the electronic tools that are available for reviewing base budgets.

[3-Linked NGVAL Base Budget Bill \(HB0007\)](#)

[3-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Options to Consider in Budgeting](#)

[3-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - EAC Intent Language](#)

[3-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - EAC Fee Changes](#)

[3-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - EAC Federal Funds](#)

Mr. Allred gave an overview of the base budget for the Executive Appropriations Committee using the online Compendium of Budget Information (COBI).

a. Capitol Preservation Board

Mr. Allred presented the base budget for the Capitol Preservation Board (CPB).

[3a-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Capitol Preservation Board Issues](#)

Ms. Allyson Gamble, Executive Director, CPB, presented her report.

[3a-CPB Annual Report](#)

b. Utah National Guard

Mr. Allred presented the base budget for the Utah National Guard (UNG).

[3b-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Utah National Guard Issues](#)

Major General Jefferson S. Burton, Adjutant General, UNG, discussed the FY 2018 State Budget Request for the UNG.

[3b-Utah National Guard Budget Brief](#)

In regards to committee questions about the potential move of the Utah Air National Guard to Hill Air

Force Base, General Burton reported that the UNG had hired a strategic planner who is preparing a written plan, Strategic Base Initiative, that will be submitted to the United States Air Force (USAF) on September 30, 2017. He indicated that the USAF would not approve any move without this plan.

c. Department of Veteran's and Military Affairs

Mr. Allred presented the base budget for the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs (DVMA).

[3c-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - DVMA Issues](#)

Mr. Gary Harter, Executive Director, DVMA, presented the report referencing a DVMA data card and the January 2017 Issue of the VeteransVoice (year-in-review) publication.

[3c-DVMA Budget Brief](#)

Mr. Dennis McFall, Deputy Director, DVMA, discussed the five-star rating of the four Veterans Nursing Homes and the Veterans' Cemetery.

Mr. Todd Hansen, Director, Salt Lake Veteran's Home, was available to answer questions.

d. Legislature

Mr. Allred presented the base budget for the Legislature.

[3d-Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - Legislative Budget Adjustment Considerations](#)

4. Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 16-0-4.

Voting in the affirmative were:

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Iwamoto J, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, King Brian S,
Knotwell J, Romero A

Absent or not voting were:

Gibson F, Hollins S, Hughes G, Wilson B

Chair Sanpei adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.