

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**
Thursday, February 2, 2017 • 6:10 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. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Karen Mayne
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

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

Members Absent:

Sen. Luz Escamilla

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 Stevenson called the meeting to order at 6:14 p.m. There were no minutes to approve.

2. Requests for Appropriation

This agenda item was not heard at this time.

3. Subcommittee Base Budget Reports

Public Education (Tab 7)

[3c-Public Education Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard reported on the subcommittee's all-inclusive approach to budget reviews this year. The subcommittee approved the base budget as a starting point and agreed not to make funding changes to the base budget until the subcommittee had reviewed each budget line-item, including potential budget off-sets and new funding requests.

Rep. Daniel McCay and Rep. Robert M. Spendlove elaborated on the all-inclusive approach to budget reviews.

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard highlighted a number of potential reallocations that the subcommittee could act upon.

Rep. McCay reported that the subcommittee reviewed several performance measures for education line-items and voted to include them as intent language in the base budget bill. The subcommittee

acknowledged that a significant amount of work and revision would have go into the performance measures in the upcoming weeks and during the interim.

Rep. Spendlove noted that the subcommittee altered the intent language to reflect this intent and requested that the State Board of Education provide the subcommittee with additional information.

Rep. Briscoe asked clarifying questions about Public Education's Operating and Capital Budgets on page 7-2 of the report.

Rep. Sanpei inquired about some initiatives with program balances that could have been taken out of the base budget.

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 7-1 through 7-38 behind tab 7.

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

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Adams J S, Iwamoto J, Knudson P, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Gibson F, Hollins S, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Davis G, Escamilla L, Mayne K, Hughes G

4. Requests for Appropriation

Rep. Stephen G. Handy presented the request for appropriation for the Utah World War I Centennial Commission - \$75,000 FY 2017 General Fund One-time.

Retirement and Independent Entities (Tab 8)

[3a-Retirement and Independent Entities Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

Sen. Daniel Hemmert reviewed the base budgets and intent language for the Career Service Board and the Utah Education and Telehealth Network.

Rep. LaVar Christensen reviewed the base budget and intent language for the Department of Human Resource Management.

Sen. Daniel Hemmert reported on approved actions for the DHRM Internal Service Fund (ISF) and HR Information Systems.

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell inquired about the growth in nonlapsing balances.

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Retirement and Independent Entities Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 8-1 through 8-10, and to approve the FY 2017 Supplemental budget changes recommended by the subcommittee as shown on pages 8-Supplemental-1 through 8-Supplemental-5 behind tab 8.

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

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Adams J S, Davis G, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Hollins S, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Escamilla L, Iwamoto J, Gibson F, Hughes G

Executive Appropriations Committee (Tab 10)

Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director, LFA, reported on the base budgets and intent language for four agencies: the Capitol Preservation Board, Utah National Guard, Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs, and the Legislature.

[3b-Executive Appropriations Committee Agencies Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Executive Appropriations Committee for Utah National Guard, Veterans' and Military Affairs, Capitol Preservation Board, and Legislature as shown on pages 10-1 through 10-19 behind tab 10.

The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Adams J S, Davis G, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Gibson F, Hollins S, Hughes G, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Escamilla L, Iwamoto J

Business, Economic Development, and Labor (Tab 2)

[3d-Business, Economic Development, and Labor Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

Rep. R. Curt Webb reported that the subcommittee considered performance measures proposed by the agencies; made adjustments to dedicated credits, pass through funds and federal funds; recommended several cost of doing business items for the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control; adopted creation

of a separate line-item for the Commission on Service and Volunteerism; and reallocated the USTAR budget to reflect the restructuring that occurred in S.B. 166 (2016 General Session).

Rep. Webb indicated that the subcommittee did not vote on any reductions, but would wait to hear from the agencies on the impact that cuts would have on overall operations.

Rep. Sanpei inquired about the possible reallocation of funds for Avenue H, which will end at the conclusion of FY 2018.

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Business, Economic Development, and Labor Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 2-1 through 2-80 behind tab 2, with the following changes:

- On page 2-36, reduce the FY 2018 General Fund amount appropriated to the USTAR Administration line item from \$1,747,300 to \$1,741,700 (a reduction of \$5,600), reduce the Project Management and Compliance Program by the same amount, and adjust the totals accordingly.

The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Adams J S, Davis G, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Gibson F, Hollins S, Hughes G, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Escamilla L, Iwamoto J

Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality (Tab 6)

[3e-Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

Sen. David P. Hinkins reported that the subcommittee did not make any changes to the base budget. He indicated that the subcommittee would be reviewing a list of options for potential reallocations and discussing the requests for new funding.

Sen. Hinkins also noted that the subcommittee included in the base budget bill legislative intent language requiring performance measures for each line item.

Rep. Ken Ivory and Rep. Scott H. Chew were available for questions and comment.

Rep. Briscoe asked clarifying questions about the Operating and Capital Budgets for Wildland Fire Suppression Fund, Federal Mineral Lease, and Federal Mineral Bonus Account.

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 6-1 through 6-76 behind tab 6.

The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Adams J S, Davis G, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Gibson F, Hollins S, Hughes G, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Escamilla L, Iwamoto J

5. Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Sanpei moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 18-0-2.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Van Tassell K, Last B, Adams J S, Davis G, Knudson P, Mayne K, Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Gibson F, Hollins S, Hughes G, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Escamilla L, Iwamoto J

Chair Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 6:49 p.m.