

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**
Friday, February 3, 2017 • 12:20 pm • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Dean Sanpei, House 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. 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. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Vice Chair

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 12:53 p.m. There were no minutes to approve.

2. Subcommittee Base Budget Reports

Social Services (Tab 9)

[2a-Social Services Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

Sen. Allen M. Christensen reported on subcommittee actions that included \$42.8 million in base budget reductions. He noted that the subcommittee would like to retain those reductions for reallocation within the subcommittee's budget.

Rep. Raymond P. Ward stated that the subcommittee approved five reports for interim study, three performance measures per line item for inclusion in the base budget, and heard public comment.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget and intent language recommended by the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 9-1 through 9-88, and to approve the FY 2017 Supplemental budget changes recommended by the subcommittee as shown on pages 9-Supplemental-1 through 9-Supplemental-34 behind tab 9. This includes a change in Dedicated Credits in the Department of Workforce Services from \$2,918,600 to \$2,911,600 as shown on page 9-29.

Sen. Stevenson also moved to reduce the subcommittee's FY 2018 allocation approved from this committee's December 13, 2016 meeting by \$668,000 ongoing for DHS FMAP

and \$26,652,400 one-time for HB 437 delay, Medicaid Provider Tax delay, CHIP 100% match, and Medicaid Restricted Account balances.

The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-5.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Last B, Adams J S, Iwamoto J, Knudson P, Mayne K, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Hollins S, Hughes G, King Brian S, Knotwell J, Romero A, Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Van Tassell K, Davis G, Escamilla L, Niederhauser W, Gibson F

Executive Offices and Criminal Justice (Tab 3)

2b-Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Base Budget Report (2017 GS)

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher reported that the subcommittee reviewed agency budgets and approved a base budget as well as performance measures for agency line items. The subcommittee also identified a working list of potential reductions and items for reallocation.

In response to Chair Sanpei's inquiry, Sen. Thatcher explained why the subcommittee had not made any changes to the base budget.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 3-1 through 3-66 behind tab 3.

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

Voting in the affirmative were:

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

Absent or not voting were:

Van Tassell K, Davis G, Escamilla L, Niederhauser W

Higher Education (Tab 4)

2c-Higher Education Base Budget Report (2017 GS)

Sen. Evan J. Vickers reported that the subcommittee heard presentations from the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) and the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT), approved a base budget, and participated in the two percent reallocation process. The subcommittee considered a number of staff recommendations along with input from USHE and UCAT. The subcommittee ultimately adopted USHE's recommendations to reduce personnel. Sen. Vickers also reported on the number of USHE degrees and certificates awarded as well as student headcount.

Rep. Keith Grover spoke about advancements in UCAT membership hours, student headcount, and certificates awarded. He noted UCAT efforts to address some inefficiencies within the system and UCAT's willingness to look for two percent reductions.

Rep. Derrin R. Owens briefly discussed how USHE and UCAT are responding to market demand.

Sen. Evan J. Vickers identified some areas where Higher Education can contribute more to the State's economy.

Sen. Mayne commented on how the University of Utah and Salt Lake Community College are partnering to make higher education more accessible to students in the Herriman area. She also talked about guiding students toward careers and occupations that are productive as well as enjoyable.

Sen. Vickers explained the concept of the stackable credential program.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 4-1 through 4-76, and to approve the FY 2017 Supplemental budget changes recommended by the subcommittee as shown on pages 4-Supplemental-1 through 4-Supplemental-10 behind tab 4.

Sen. Stevenson also moved to approve the following one-time FY 2018 Education Fund reductions to ongoing funding for the Operations and Maintenance of Higher Education buildings that are not yet in service:

University of Utah	\$1,275,800
Utah State University	\$1,463,800
Southern Utah University	\$349,000
Utah Valley University	\$1,168,000
Snow College	\$25,600
Salt Lake Community College	\$719,500
Dixie Applied Technology College	\$374,400
Ogden Weber Applied Technology College	<u>\$14,400</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$5,390,500</u>

Sen. Stevenson also moved to reduce the subcommittee's FY 2018 allocation approved from this committee's December 13, 2016 meeting by \$5,390,500 one-time for the Operations and Maintenance savings just approved.

The motion passed with a vote of 17-0-3.

Voting in the affirmative were:

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

Absent or not voting were:

Van Tassell K, Escamilla L, King Brian S

Infrastructure and General Government (Tab 5)

[2d-Infrastructure and General Government Base Budget Report \(2017 GS\)](#)

Rep. Gage Froerer reported that the subcommittee approved a substitute base budget bill that included two major changes from the original bill. The subcommittee approved a number of other items that will be addressed in the supplemental appropriations bills, reviewed potential budget reductions, approved changes to debt service appropriations, and considered a transfer from the Contingency Reserve Fund (CRF) to the General Fund.

Rep. Froerer said that in the next three meetings, the subcommittee will review state funded capital development requests, non-state capital requests, and requests for appropriations; prioritize new funding items; and make recommendations on budget adjustments.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to approve the FY 2018 base budget recommended by the Infrastructure and General Government Appropriations Subcommittee as shown on pages 5-1 through 5-61, and to approve the FY 2017 Supplemental budget changes recommended by the subcommittee as shown on pages 5-Supplemental-1 through 5-Supplemental-7 behind tab 5, with the following changes:

- Increase the FY 2018 General Fund ongoing appropriation to the G.O. Bonds – State Government program to \$30,726,000 (an increase of \$12,483,500) and include an offsetting one-time General Fund reduction of \$12,483,500, and adjust report totals accordingly.
- Increase the FY 2018 Education Fund ongoing appropriation to the G.O. Bonds – Higher Education program to \$17,221,800 (an increase of \$3,942,100) and include an offsetting one-time Education Fund reduction of \$3,942,100, and adjust report totals accordingly.

Sen. Stevenson also moved to reduce the subcommittee’s FY 2018 allocation approved from this committee’s December 13, 2016 meeting by \$16,425,600 one-time as a result of Debt Service savings.

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

Voting in the affirmative were:

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

Absent or not voting were:

Van Tassell K, Escamilla L, Gibson F, King Brian S

3. Requests for Appropriation

Sen. Ann Millner discussed the request for appropriation for the School Leadership Task Force - \$18,000 FY 2017 Education Fund One-time and responded to questions.

Rep. Briscoe spoke in support of the request for appropriation.

4. Other Business/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-5.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Stevenson J, Sanpei D, Last B, Adams J S, Iwamoto J, Knudson P, Mayne K,
Niederhauser W, Okerlund R, Briscoe J, Hollins S, Hughes G, Knotwell J, Romero A,
Wilson B

Absent or not voting were:

Van Tassell K, Davis G, Escamilla L, Gibson F, King Brian S

Chair Sanpei adjourned the meeting at 1:39 p.m.