

**MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE  
APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, February 6, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 25 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair  
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Sen. Margaret Dayton  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan

Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson  
Rep. Tim Quinn  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst  
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst  
Ms. Debbie Benson, 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](http://le.utah.gov).

House Vice Chair Cutler called the meeting to order at 8:14 a.m.

**1. Governor's Office**

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, introduced the documents available for the meeting and the General Fund Request packet.

EOCJ Request Packet 8.26

Mr. Mark Thomas, Director of Elections, Lieutenant Governor's Office discussed the budget request involving Utah's voting machines.

Lt. Governor - Voting Machines Presentation

House Vice Chair Cutler asked if this new system would resolve some of the previous voting issues. Mr. Thomas answered this question.

Mr. Duncan Evans, Budget Manager, Governor's Office of Management and Budget (GOMB) discussed the GOMB budget requests.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked a clarifying question about the budget request regarding the city incorporation process. Mr. Thomas discussed the process of new incorporation.

Mr. Evans discussed the funding request for literacy and education programs.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked for clarification regarding the funding of these programs. Mr. Evans answered the question.

Mr. Evans discussed the Roy Cone project.

Mr. Evans discussed the anti-pornography initiatives.

Ms. Pamela Atkinson, community advocate, discussed the anti-pornography programs in the state.

Rep. Quinn asked about the target age groups and some more specific details about the program. Ms. Atkinson answered these questions.

Rep. Romero asked about the issue of pornography being a symptom of a larger problem and the importance of healthy relationships. Ms. Atkinson discussed the collaborative manner in which these issues are being addressed.

## **2. Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice**

Mr. Wilson discussed the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ) budget requests and reallocations.

Mr. Ron Gordon, Executive Director CCJJ introduced Ms. Joanna Landau, Executive Director, Indigent Defense Commission.

Ms. Landau discussed Indigent Defense Grants.

### CCJJ - Indigent Defense

Sen. Okerlund asked about starting programs with one-time funding rather than ongoing funding. Ms. Landau answered the question.

Rep. Snow asked for an update regarding current litigation with this issue and about a volunteer professional training program. Ms. Landau answered these questions.

Sen. Thatcher spoke about the critical constitutional issue of not having an attorney during litigation.

Mr. Gordon discussed the Jail Reimbursement program.

### CCJJ - Jail Reimbursement

## **3. Corrections**

Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, discussed the Department of Corrections (DOC) base budget reallocation list.

### DOC - Building Block Budget Presentation

Mr. Rollin Cook, Executive Director, Utah Department of Corrections, discussed the DOC base budget and building blocks.

Mr. Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Corrections discussed the reallocation options.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked about the medical line item. Mr. Haddon answered this question and continued with the budget reallocation presentation.

Rep. Dunnigan asked about jail contracting funding. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Rep. Quinn asked why jail contracting has money that can be reallocated but also has a budget request. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Rep. Quinn asked about the difference between jail reimbursement and jail contracting. Mr. Haddon explained the difference. House Chair Hutchings also explained that different jails have different costs. Sen. Thatcher further clarified the difference between jail contracting and jail reimbursement.

Rep. Dunnigan asked about Salt Lake County jail contracting. Mr. Haddon answered this question and continued with DOC budget requests.

Sen. Okerlund asked if the increase in the contracting rate would get to the necessary rate. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Mr. Cook discussed the budget request regarding the challenge of agent and correctional officer pay and the importance of a career ladder.

Mr. Haddon discussed the importance of the budget request regarding salaries.

Sen. Iwamoto asked about the health benefit packages. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Sen. Dayton expressed concern about the wage issue and if the new facility will improve this situation. Mr. Haddon answered this question and discussed the importance of direct supervision.

Rep. King asked what additional resources are being provided to officers to reduce stress for the officers. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Rep. Dunnigan asked committee members to prioritize the funding to help alleviate the problem of training officers and losing them to other agencies.

Sen. Thatcher asked committee members who are also members of Executive Appropriations to make sure that committee understands the critical needs of these issues. Mr. Haddon continued with his budget presentation.

Mr. Cook discussed the importance of some specific budget requests.

House Vice Chair Cutler asked how long it had been since the salaries updated. Mr. Haddon answered that he wasn't sure exactly, but it had been a long time. He continued with the

presentation.

House Chair Hutchings asked for clarification regarding the entry-level rate and other salary ranges. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Rep. Dunnigan stated that the current salary range isn't correct. He would like clarification regarding the compression of the schedule. Mr. Haddon explained the proposed schedule.

House Chair Hutchings explained the compression problem and asked if the proposal would solve the problems at the top and bottom of the ranges. Mr. Haddon and Mr. Cook answered this question. Mr. Haddon completed the presentation.

Rep. Quinn expressed support for this request and asked about the funding request for the next two subsequent years. Mr. Haddon answered this question.

Sen. Dayton expressed appreciation for the respectful tone of the e-mails she has received from these agencies and asked Mr. Haddon and Mr. Cook to share this appreciation to the officers.

House Chair Hutchings wanted committee members to know that this proposal has taken several years to complete and expressed his support for this funding request.

Mr. Kelly Atkinson, Fraternal Order of Police spoke in favor of this budget request.

Rep. Dunnigan also expressed appreciation for the respectful tone of the e-mails.

Ms. Christy Cushing, Utah Public Employees Association spoke in support of this career ladder.

#### **4. Federal Funds**

Mr. Syphus discussed the Federal Funds Issue Brief submitted by the Governor's Office.

Issue Brief - 2017 General Session - EOCJ Federal Funds

House Vice Chair Cutler asked about the voting process involved for these funding issues.

#### **5. Fees**

Mr. Syphus discussed SB008 regarding Annual State Agencies fees bill. He explained that fees that are in statute are not in the bill.

SB0008

SB0008 - EOCJ Section

Mr. Syphus explained the Fee Change Report.

## Fees Change Report

Mr. Jonathan Peterson was told that his request to speak was out of order because his comments did not involve EOCJ appropriations.

House Chair Hutchings asked for clarification regarding the National Sexual Assault Kit initiative in the Federal Funding Issue brief.

Ms. April Ensign, Commission on Criminal & Juvenile Justice gave clarification regarding the funding for rape kits.

Rep. Romero explained the funding involved for a bill she is preparing regarding this issue. Ms. Ensign gave more clarification regarding this issue.

## **6. Request for Appropriations**

Rep. Norman K Thurston discussed a request for funding for one full-time staff position to maintain and manage a tool called "Results First" from the Pew Institute. The position would be shared between LFA and the GOMB.

Rep. Cutler asked what types of programs would be evaluated. Mr. Thurston stated that the first type would be educational programs, but it could be used in any area of government. He discussed other states who are using this tool.

Rep. Snow was supportive of this request and thought if it is funded, it should be listed as a line item.

**MOTION:** Rep. Wilde moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

House Vice Chair Cutler adjourned the meeting at 10:31 a.m.