

**(Approved)**  
**MINUTES OF THE**  
**EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**  
Tuesday, July 25, 2017 • 2:00 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair  
Rep. Dean Sanpei, House Chair  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell, Senate Vice Chair  
Sen. J. Stuart Adams  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Luz Escamilla  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Sandra Hollins  
Rep. Brian S. King

Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Speaker Gregory H. Hughes  
Rep. John Knotwell

**Staff Present:**

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

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).

**1. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Chair Stevenson called the meeting to order at 2:12 p.m.

**2. Fiscal Health Check-up: Debt Update Including July's Bond Issuance**

Mr. Brian Wikle, Senior Economist, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), discussed the State's bond debt and debt service and responded to questions.

3-Issue Brief - 2017 Interim - Debt Service Overview

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Mr. Jon Bronson, bond advisor to the State, Zion's Public Finance, reported on Utah's debt per capita and debt to personal income for the current bond issuance and responded to questions.

**3. Revenue Update**

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, LFA, presented the revenue and economic update for July 2017 and responded to questions.

4a-Revenue Update, July 2017

[4a-Revenue Update, July 2017](#)

4b-Revenue Update Presentation, July 2017

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Dr. Thomas Young, Economist/Statistician, LFA, discussed Utah's housing market, federal tax reform, global risks, and revenue collections. He responded to questions.

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The committee briefly discussed the rise in Utah's home prices and the impacts of increasing land and construction costs.

### 4. Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Rep. Sanpei moved to approve the minutes of May 16, 2017. The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-5.

Yeas-15

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. R. Okerlund  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. D. Sanpei  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. G. Hughes  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. J. Knotwell  
Rep. B. Last  
Sen. W. Niederhauser

### 5. Federal/Non-federal Grants

Mr. Ken Matthews, Federal Assistance Management Officer, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented the Federal/Non-federal Grants Report for July 25, 2017.

2-Federal/Non-federal Grants Summary, July 2017

[2-Federal/Non-federal Grants Summary, July 2017](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Sanpei moved to recommend acceptance of the federal and non-federal grants as outlined on page 1 of the handout entitled, "Federal/Non-Federal Grants Review and Approval" under the heading, "Grants Requiring EAC Review and Recommendation" and dated today, July 25, 2017." The motion passed with a vote of 15-0-5.

Yeas-15

Nays-0

Absent-5

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### **6. Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-up Report**

5-Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report, 2017

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Ms. Clare Tobin Lence, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented the 2017 Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report that reviews 164 items funded in previous general sessions. Ms. Lence responded to questions about performance metrics.

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director, LFA, commented on the evaluation criteria.

Ms. Lence discussed the following items: S.B. 79, Child Welfare (page 102) and the Glendale/Rose Park Crisis Nursery Project (page 88).

Sen. Escamilla commented on the Glendale/Rose Park Crisis Nursery Project.

Mr. Ball explained the purpose of the Fiscal Note and Budget Follow-Up Report.

Committee members discussed the value of report, identifying common themes, and referring the report to the appropriations subcommittees for further review.

Ms. Lence introduced LFA analysts who discussed 10 additional fiscal note and budget items.

Ms. Alysha Gardner, Staff Economist, LFA, reviewed H.B. 436 - Pamela Atkinson Homeless Trust Fund (page 92).

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Mr. Sean Faherty, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed Data Coordination System (page 28).

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed H.B. 348 - Justice Reinvestment Act (page 8).

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed H. B. 351 - Attorney General Fiscal Amendments (page 19) and S.B. 102 - High Cost Infrastructure Tax Credit Amendments (page 139).

Mr. Wikle discussed SB 246 - Funding for Infrastructure Revisions (page 33).

Ms. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed S.B. 235 - School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act (page 150).

Ms. Curry discussed H.B. 198 - Strengthening College and Career Readiness (page 148).

Ms. Curry discussed H.B. 301 - School Bus Route Grant Program (page 154) and responded to Rep. Gibson's questions about the program.

Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, discussed H.B. 464 - Public Lands Wildfire Study (page 137).

**MOTION:** Rep. Sanpei moved to request that appropriations subcommittees review each item under their purview in the 2017 Fiscal Note and Budget Item Follow-Up Report and consider adjusting appropriations. The motion passed with a vote of 14-0-6.

Yeas-14

Rep. J. Briscoe  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. P. Knudson  
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Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-6

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## **7. Capital Improvement and Deferred Maintenance Update**

Mr. Wikle reviewed the highlights of the "Capital Improvement and Deferred Maintenance Update" behind Tab 6 in the committee binders.

Mr. Jeff Reddoor, Executive Director, Utah State Building Board, gave an update on capital improvement and deferred maintenance needs and responded to questions.

6-Capital Improvements and Deferred Maintenance Presentation

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## **8. Operations and Maintenance Reporting Changes in S.B. 9**

7-Operations and Maintenance Expenditure Tracking Presentation

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## **9. UCA Funding Changes and Potential Bonding in S.B. 198**

Mr. Syphus remarked that S.B. 198 made some significant structural and budgetary changes to the Utah Communications Authority (UCA).

Mr. Dave Edmunds, Executive Director, Utah Communications Authority, reported on the status of UCA funding changes and potential bonding in S.B. 198. He was joined by Ms. Patsy Halladay, Chief Financial Officer, UCA.

## **10. State Fairpark Arena Funding, Construction, and Revenue Projections**

Mr. Wikle gave an update on the financing of the State Fair Park Arena.

9a-Memo - Fair Park Arena Funding and Construction Update

[9a-Memo - Fair Park Arena Funding and Construction Update](#)

Mr. Larry Mullenax, Executive Director, State Fair Park, provided an update on the arena funding and construction. He responded to questions and comments regarding additional capital improvements, ticket sales and net profits, and return on investment.

## **11. Updates to Appropriations Report**

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Mr. Ball discussed changes to the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 Appropriations Reports to correctly reflect funding changes in H.B. 325, 2016 General Session, and responded to a clarifying question.

10-Updates to Appropriations Report

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**12. Other Business/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Sanpei moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11-0-9.

Yeas-11

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. J. Briscoe  
Sen. G. Davis  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Sen. P. Knudson  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. D. Sanpei  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. K. Van Tassell  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-9

Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. G. Hughes  
Sen. J. Iwamoto  
Rep. B. King  
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Sen. W. Niederhauser  
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Rep. A. Romero

Chair Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.