

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

Tuesday, January 30, 2018 • 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
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Ken Ivory

Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Logan Wilde

Members Absent:

Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund

Staff Present:

Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary
Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1 . 8:00 am: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Vice Chair Cutler called the meeting to order at 8:08 a.m.

2 . 8:25 am: Office of the Attorney General

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), introduced budget options and the Internal Service Fund for the Office of the Attorney General (OAG)

Chair Hutchings assumed the chair.

Mr. Wilson responded to a question from Rep. Greene regarding the legislative legal costs efficiencies.

Mr. Wilson resumed his presentation.

Ms. Kimberly Schmeling, Chief Operating Officer, Chief Financial Officer, OAG, discussed performance accomplishments with the assistance of Ms. Bridget Romano, Chief Civil Deputy, OAG.

Ms. Schmeling responded to questions from Chair Hutchings and Rep. Cutler related to the Internal Service Fund.

Ms. Romano commented on concerns of Rep. Ivory and Chair Hutchings related the Attorney General.

Ms. Romano addressed an issue voiced by Rep. Dunnigan with respect to the Attorney General dealing with the opioid epidemic.

Ms. Schmeling resumed her presentation responding to a question from Rep. Cutler regarding base budget options, including the Boys and Girls Clubs, domestic violence funding, and child welfare revisions. A discussion followed addressing domestic violence funding and child welfare revisions with Mr. Wilson, Chair Hutchings, and Ms Schmeling.

Ms. Schmeling discussed the Internal Service Fund.

Mr. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, offered a point of clarification.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to ask the agency to come back within the next two weeks showing how the Internal Service Fund is going to be implemented so the committee will know how to go forward next year. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Cutler
Sen. M. Dayton
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. B. Greene
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Ivory
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Wilde

3 . 8:05 am: Office of the Guardian ad Litem

Mr. Syphus, presented the budget for the Office of the Guardian ad Litem (GAL)

Ms. Stacey Snyder, Director, Office of the Guardian ad Litem and Casa, gave an update on performance measures assisted by Ms. Melanie Speechly, State CASA Administrator for Utah.

Ms. Speechly and Ms. Snyder offered clarification to Sen. Dayton and Chair Hutchings related to volunteers, the need to provide services to rural areas, and case loads.

4 . 9:25 am: Division of Juvenile Justice Services

Mr. Wilson introduced the options for consideration for the Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS)

Ms. Susan Burke, Director, JJS, gave a brief presentation and responded to proposed options for consideration while addressing questions from Chair Hutchings related to facilities, operational capacity, and mental health authorities.

Sen. Thatcher commented on the issues raised by Chair Hutchings regarding mental health authorities.

Ms. Burke resumed her presentation.

Rep. Ivory asked for clarification of the cost per bed standard noted in the audit.

A discussion followed between Ms. Burke, Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services, and committee members.

Chair Hutchings officially asked for documentation of reinvestment dollars regarding employee salary compensation and adjustment.

Ms. Burke responded to a question from Rep. King related to "misrepresentation" in an email found in the audit. Rep. Ivory expressed a follow-up comment.

MOTION: Rep. Dunnigan moved to put \$14,000,000 on-going General Fund on the list as an option for budget reductions in the Base Budget Bill for the Division of Juvenile Justice Services. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

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Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. C. Bramble
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. R. Okerlund
Rep. L. Wilde

Rep. Ivory and Sen Thatcher supported the motion.

Chair Hutchings requested documents from the agency.

MOTION: Rep. Cutler moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-12

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. B. Cutler
Sen. M. Dayton

Nays-0

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Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 10:52 a.m.