

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

Thursday, February 1, 2018 • 5:30 p.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. Margaret Dayton  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Brian M. Greene  
Rep. Ken Ivory  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Logan Wilde

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Jani Iwamoto  
Sen. Peter C. Knudson  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund  
Rep. Angela Romero

**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](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1 . - Call to Order**

House Chair Hutchings called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m. and explained the purpose of the meeting.

Rep. Snow commented that the state has made significant reforms in the juvenile justice system and stated that in his mind the state is going in the right direction. He discussed reasons for his comments.

Rep. King stated his concern with the language in the audit suggesting misrepresentation. A discussion followed between Rep. Snow and Rep. King.

Rep. Dunnigan asked about the timeline for procurement and implementation of Rep. Snow's bill, H.B. 239. A discussion followed with Rep. Snow.

Rep. Snow responded to a question from Sen. Dayton regarding the tone of the audit.

Rep. Ivory asked the question "How do we move forward" and asked for recommendations. A discussion followed with Rep. Snow, Rep. Ivory, and Chair Hutchings.

**2 . - A Performance Audit of the Division of Juvenile Justice Services**

Rep. King had questions related to the Care System, an email noted in the audit, increasing costs, poor utilization of resources, and political pressure. Ms. Susan Burke, Director, Utah Juvenile Justice Services, addressed the questions.

Ms. Burke responded to Rep. Cutler concerns related to increased in-house staff costs and the inability to see the trends. She asked for suggestions on how to lower costs. A discussion followed which included Ms. Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Department of Human Services.

Ms. Silverberg Williamson responded to Rep. Wilde with regard to the problem of private providers leaving the system.

Ms. Burke distributed their dashboard, "Utah Juvenile Justice Services - Strategic Indicators." Ms. Burke gave the agency response while addressing questions from Chair Hutchings and Rep. Wilde related to issues of fewer served with higher costs and consolidation. Ms. Silverberg Williamson provided clarification.

Rep. Cutler requested enhancements to data in the dashboard.

A discussion followed with Rep. Wilde and Chair Hutchings asking questions related to recidivism, manuals, loss of federal dollars, caps on providers, contract providers, and rates.

Ms. Burke and Ms. Silverberg Williamson addressed questions from Rep. Acton related to budget, number of youth served, and facility staffing.

Rep. Wilde offered closing remarks.

Chair Hutchings' final remarks asked for openness and the ability to work together.

Ms. Burke and Ms. Silverberg Williamson gave their closing comments.

**MOTION:** House Vice Chair Cutler moved to adjourn.

House Chair Hutchings adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.