

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**
Tuesday, May 15, 2018 • 1:00 p.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Mike Schultz, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Karen Mayne
President Wayne L. Niederhauser
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell
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. Peter C. Knudson

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.

1 . Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

Chair Jerry W. Stevenson called the meeting to order at 1:18 p.m. The committee did not take any action on the minutes at this time.

2 . Federal/Non-federal Grants

Mr. Ken Matthews, Federal Assistance Management Officer, Governor's Office of Management and Budget, presented the report. Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), provided assistance.

[2a-Federal/Non-federal Grants Summary, May 2018](#)

Mr. Adam Sweet, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, discussed a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor that will assist the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee in hiring an auditor or consultant to help with a ten-year review of licenses.

Sen. Karen Mayne asked a clarifying question. Mr. Sweet responded.

MOTION: Rep. Bradley G. Last 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, May 15, 2018. He also moved to recommend acceptance of a grant from the United States Department of Labor to assist the Occupational and Professional Licensure Review Committee, as presented today. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 5 .

Yeas-15

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Rep. F. Gibson

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. P. Knudson

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Sen. W. Niederhauser

3 . Department of Transportation Projects and Plans

Mr. Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, introduced the topics that the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) would discuss.

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, UDOT, introduced the new deputy director, Ms. Teri Newell.

Ms. Teri Newell, Deputy Director for Planning and Investment, UDOT, provided some background information about herself.

Mr. Braceras showed how to access some of UDOT's major transportation projects via UDOT's web page. He also referenced UDOT's three strategic goals, performance measures, and outcomes related to the increase in the gas tax.

[3-UDOT Report to Executive Appropriations Committee, May 2018](#)

Mr. Braceras briefly discussed S.B. 136, Transportation Governance Amendments (2018 General Session).

Ms. Newell addressed organizational changes within UDOT that include increased focus on planning, technology and innovation, strategic investment, and areas of rapid change.

Sen. J. Stuart Adams said he was impressed with UDOT's organizational changes.

Speaker Gregory H. Hughes expressed his appreciation to UDOT and spoke about Utah's transportation infrastructure and multi-modal regional planning model.

Rep. Joel K. Briscoe inquired about the Road Usage Charge (RUC) for alternative fuel vehicles. Mr. Braceras responded.

Rep. Mike Schultz recognized UDOT's team efforts in implementing S.B. 136.

Chair Stevenson commented on the efficiency and management of the department.

Mr. Braceras gave an update on the Transportation Infrastructure Loan Fund and the amount of bonding issued in FY 2018. He also discussed a graph that compares existing debt and proposed new debt, including prison debt, to the Constitutional Debt Limit through 2024.

4 . Adopt Revenue Estimates after 2018 G.S. Legislative Actions

Dr. Andrea Wilko, Chief Economist, LFA, presented the May revenue estimates after 2018 G.S. legislative actions.

[4-May 2018 Revenue Estimates after 2018 G.S. Legislative Actions](#)

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adopt the revenue estimates as shown on the handout entitled, "May Revenue Estimates in Thousands, FY 2018 - FY 2019" and dated today, May 15, 2018.

Rep. Joel K. Briscoe asked a clarifying question. Dr. Wilko responded.

Rep. Last's motion to adopt the revenue estimates as shown on the handout entitled, "May Revenue Estimates in Thousands, FY 2018 - FY 2019" and dated today, May 15, 2018 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. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. B. King
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell
Rep. B. Wilson

5 . Summary of 2018 G.S. Legislative Budget Actions

Mr. Jonathan Ball, Director, LFA, introduced the report, "Budget of the State of Utah and Related Appropriations," and summarized legislative budget actions for the 2018 General Session.

[5a-Summary of 2018 G.S. Legislative Budget Actions](#)

Mr. Ball responded to questions from Rep. Francis D. Gibson and Sen. Adams.

Rep. Last pointed out that the budget for Higher Education also included staged funding for buildings that the Legislature had appropriated in previous years.

Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director, LFA, highlighted four bills from the 2018 General Session that made some policy changes on how the budget is administered going forward.

Mr Brian Fay, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, demonstrated how to access the Compendium of Budget Information found on budget.utah.gov.

Mr. Ivan Djambov, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, showed how to look up budget information using Data Viz, an interactive budgeting tool, also found on budget.utah.gov.

Rep. Gibson inquired about the Data Viz program. Mr. Ball responded.

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented LFA's Annual Budget of the State of Utah.

[5b-Budget of the State of Utah FY 2018-19](#)

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to accept the report, "Budget of the State of Utah and Related Appropriations" as a required report under UCA 36-12-13 and to direct staff to distribute the report to all legislators. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-17

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. G. Davis
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
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6 . Appropriations Subcommittee Interim Study Items

Mr. Ball reviewed the schedule of meetings and the list of study items for the 2018 appropriations subcommittee Interim meetings.

[6-2018 Appropriations Subcommittee Interim Issues](#)

Rep. Last inquired about the process for Business, Economic Development, and Labor pass-through funding and requests for appropriations. Mr. Ball responded.

Rep. Brad Wilson commented on the work required to address pass-through funding and request for appropriations during the General Session.

Rep. Briscoe asked if the appropriations subcommittee agendas could be modified to include other topics for discussion. He was interest in coming up with a standard that legislators could use when approached by people with requests for new funding. Rep. Last responded.

MOTION: Rep. Last, while recognizing Rep. Briscoe's comments and noting that there was some flexibility in the agendas, moved to approve the 2018 appropriations subcommittee Interim study items as shown on the handout entitled, "2018 Appropriations Subcommittee Interim Issues" and dated today, May 15, 2018. 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

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Rep. G. Hughes
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7. Update on Tobacco Settlement Revenue

Mr. Russell Frandsen, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, presented the Issue Brief, "Tobacco Settlement Funds." He discussed four options that the Legislature might want to consider in resolving current appropriations from the Tobacco Settlement Restricted Account that are in conflict with two Utah laws.

[7-Issue Brief - 2018 Interim - Tobacco Settlement Funds](#)

Rep. Brian S. King asked clarifying questions about the Tobacco Settlement Fund. Mr. Frandsen responded.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to direct legislative staff to work with the Chairs of the Executive Appropriations Committee to address this issue, including recommending statutory and appropriation changes, in the 2019 General Session. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4 .

Yeas-16

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers

Nays-0

Absent-4

Sen. G. Davis
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Rep. B. Wilson

8 . Homeless Coordinating Committee Report on Fund Awards

Mr. Jonathan Hardy, Director of Housing and Community Development, Department of Workforce Services, presented the proposed awards from Homeless to Housing Account.

[8-Homeless Coordinating Committee Report, May 2018](#)

Mr. Hardy responded to questions from Sen. Mayne, Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Gibson, and Speaker Hughes.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to recommend acceptance of the proposed awards from the Homeless to Housing Reform Restricted Account as presented to us. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-17

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Knotwell
Rep. B. Last
Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

9 . Other Business/Adjourn

Chair Stevenson directed committee members to read the memorandum regarding bills passed but not funded during the 2018 General Session behind Tab 9.

[9-Memorandum Re: Bills Passed but Not Funded in 2018 G.S.](#)

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adopt the minutes of the March 7, 2018 meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-17

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
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Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. G. Davis
Sen. P. Knudson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 17 - 0 - 3 .

Yeas-17

Sen. J. Adams
Rep. J. Briscoe
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Sen. K. Mayne
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson

Nays-0

Absent-3

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Sen. E. Vickers

Rep. B. Wilson

Chair Stevenson adjourned the meeting at 3:01 p.m.