



MINUTES

INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 | 8:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Senate Chair
Rep. Gage Froerer, House Chair
Rep. Walt Brooks, House Vice Chair
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Lynn N. Hemingway
Rep. A. Cory Maloy
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Members Absent:

Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. David G. Buxton
Rep. John Knotwell
Rep. Michael K. McKell
Rep. Dixon M. Pitcher
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Mr. Ryan A. Mortenson, Staff Economist
Mr. Brian Wikle, Senior Economist
Ms. Karen Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair Froerer called the meeting to order at 8:34 a.m.

2 . Higher Education Capital Issues Joint with Higher Education Subcommittee

Mr. Brian Wikle, Fiscal Analyst, explained the capital development and capital improvements processes and prioritization of projects.

Mr. Wikle explained that Mr. Jim Russell, Director, Division of Facilities Construction and Management (DFCM), Mr. David Buhler, Commissioner of Utah System of Higher Education, and Mr. Michael Bouwhuis, Acting Commissioner of Utah System of Technical Colleges will respond to questions.

Questions were asked and comments made concerning higher education development projects, utilization of space and buildings, and improvements, by Rep. Brooks, Sen. Vickers, Sen. Stephenson, Sen. Anderegg, Rep. Judkins, Sen. Mayne, Sen. Hillyard, Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Ipson, Sen. Harper, Rep. Hall, Sen. Hinkins, Rep. Coleman, and Rep. Kwan, with responses from Mr. Russell, Mr. Buhler and Mr. Bouwhuis.

[2a-DFCM - Capital Projects Process](#)

Chair Froerer asked Mr. Russell and Mr. Bouwhuis to speak about the funding methods process and space utilization efficiency. Mr. Buhler commented about the discipline Utah has for maintaining buildings. Mr. Wikle explained capital improvement and operations and maintenance funding.

Rep. Owens moved to recess. There was a 5 minute recess for the Higher Education Appropriation subcommittee to be dismissed.

Chair Froerer called the meeting back to order.

3 . Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sen. Anderegg moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 9.

Yeas-9

Sen. J. Anderegg
Rep. W. Brooks
Rep. G. Froerer
Rep. C. Hall
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Hinkins
Rep. A. Maloy
Rep. M. Nelson
Rep. M. Poulson

Nays-0

Absent-9

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. D. Buxton
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Sen. L. Hillyard
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. K. Mayne
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4 . Division of Aeronautics Report

Mr. Carlos Braceras, Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), Mr. Jason Davis, Director of Operations, UDOT, and Mr. Jared Esselman, Director of Aeronautics, UDOT introduced themselves. Mr. Davis gave a presentation on the results of a review on the aviation operations business case, conducted by an independent third party consultant and the services provided by UDOT, and the maintenance and operating expenses for these services.

[4-Div. of Aeronautics Aircraft Fleet Report](#)

Rep. Brooks asked about operations cost and kinds of airplanes, with a response from Mr. Davis and Mr. Esselman. Mr. Davis continued with his presentation.

Sen. Anderegg asked about the SkyShare Program with a response from Mr. Esselman.

Sen. Hillyard asked about the need for a plane and private sector providers with a response from Mr. Esselman and Mr. Braceras.

Rep. Maloy asked about the Medical services travel and about the usage of the fleet, with a response by Mr. Braceras and Mr. Esselman.

Rep. Nelson asked about usage of the fleet with a response by Mr. Esselman and Mr. Braceras.

Mr. Davis continued with his presentation and recommendation for the aeronautic fleet.

Sen. Harper, Sen. Hillyard and Sen. Brooks asked about flight costs with a response from Mr. Esselman and Mr. Braceras.

Sen. Hinkins asked about flight coordination with National Guard with a response from Mr. Braceras and Mr. Esselman.

Sen. Harper asked about aircraft and if the pilots are contracted, or state employees, with response from Mr. Esselman.

5 . Efforts to Sell or Liquidate Property

Mr. Russell and Ms. Tani Downing, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), introduced themselves, and Mr. Russell gave a presentation on properties to sell or liquidate including an overview of vacant state land that could be sold. He also discussed HB 342 which was a bill in the 2018 session which did not pass.

[5-DFCM Surplus Vacant Land](#)

Sen. Hillyard asked about properties under condemnation, with a response from Mr. Russell and Rep. Brooks.

Chair Froerer asked if the list of properties mentioned in the presentation include UDOT properties and what is the process, with a response from Mr. Russell.

Rep. Nelson asked about what constitutes a private entity with a response from Mr. Russell.

Sen. Hinkins asked about the surplus property with a response from Mr. Russell.

Sen. Anderegg commented on bills passed in past years concerning property.

Mr. Russell continued with his presentation.

Chair Froerer asked about advertising surplus properties and Co-Star, with a response from Mr. Russell and Mr. Lee Fairbourn, Real Estate Manager, DFCM.

Ms. Downing, gave comments on DAS' input on space utilization and a teleworking pilot.

6 . Debt Affordability

Mr. Kirt Slauch, Chief Deputy, State Treasurers Office, discussed a Debt Affordability study. Mr. Wikle made comments that the study will not have political bias.

7 . Voting on Recommendations

There are no recommendations on which to vote. Mr. Wikle reminded the committee of some follow up items from previous meetings.

8 . Other Business

Chair Froerer expressed appreciation to the committee as this is the last meeting he will chair. He also expressed appreciation to Rep. Hemingway, which is also his last meeting. He also expressed appreciation to staff. Rep. Hemingway expressed gratitude to the committee and it has been a pleasure for him to serve.

MOTION: House Vice Chair Brooks moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-10

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Nays-0

Absent-8

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House Chair Froerer adjourned the meeting at 11:26 a.m.