

(Draft-Awaiting Approval)

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, October 16, 2018 • 7:30 a.m. • Duchesne County Centennial Event Center

Members Present:

Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Rep. Mike Schultz, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Gene Davis
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Sandra Hollins
Speaker Gregory H. Hughes
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. John Knotwell
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
President Wayne L. Niederhauser

Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell

Members Absent:

Sen. Evan J. Vickers, Senate Vice Chair
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Karen Mayne
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Brad R. Wilson

Staff Present:

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 Bradley G. Last called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. He expressed his appreciation to Sen. Keven T. Van Tassell and all those who presented and participated in today's site visit to the Uintah Basin.

MOTION: Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson moved to adopt the minutes of September 18, 2018. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7 .

Yeas-13

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. G. Davis
Rep. F. Gibson
Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
Rep. B. King
Rep. J. Knotwell
Sen. P. Knudson
Rep. B. Last
Sen. W. Niederhauser
Rep. M. Schultz
Sen. J. Stevenson
Sen. K. Van Tassell

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Sen. K. Mayne
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. E. Vickers
Rep. B. Wilson

2 . Fiscal Health Check-up: FY 2018 Preliminary Surplus, Closing Nonlapsing and Fund Balances

Mr. Steven Allred, Deputy Director, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, presented the following reports:

[2a-FY 2018 Preliminary Financial Highlights](#)

[2b-FY 2018 Preliminary Fund Balances](#)

[2c-FY 2018 Preliminary Lapsing and Nonlapsing Balances](#)

Mr. Allred responded to questions from Rep. Francis D. Gibson, Chair Last, and President Wayne L. Niederhauser about the FY 2018 preliminary nonlapsing balances for Higher Education.

3 . Wildland Fire Costs

Mr. Brian Cottam, Director, Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, and Utah State Forester, reported on Utah's 2018 fire season, suppression costs, and the supplemental funding request for FY 2019.

[3-2018 Wildland Fire Information Handout](#)

Mr. Cottam responded to clarifying questions from Rep. Gibson and Rep. Brian S. King about current fire suppression costs and the supplemental funding request for FY 2019.

Rep. Gibson asked about the billing of fire suppression costs incurred by local agencies fighting the Pole Creek and Bald Mountain fires in Utah County. Mr. Cottam responded.

4 . Disaster Recovery Fund Update

Mr. Allred discussed the Utah Division of Emergency Management's request to expend funds from the Disaster Recover Restricted Account to reimburse nine local fire agencies who worked to suppress wildfires in California.

[4-Reimbursement Request from Disaster Recovery Restricted Account](#)

Speaker Gregory H. Hughes described how Cal Fire as well as the California governor and state legislature responded to the loss of a Draper City firefighter in the recent California wildfires.

Rep. Gibson added that Utah fires were also fought with the assistance of out-of-state firefighters.

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to recommend approval of the Utah Division of Emergency Management's request to expend funds from the Disaster Recovery Restricted Account to reimburse local fire agencies deployed under the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to assist with California wildfires. As explained to us today, these funds will be repaid by the State of California. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7 .

Yeas-13

Sen. J. Adams
Sen. G. Davis

Nays-0

Absent-7

Rep. J. Briscoe
Sen. L. Escamilla

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5 . EAC Agencies Performance Reports

Mr. Allred commented on the performance reports for the Capitol Preservation Board, the Department of Veterans' and Military Affairs, and the Utah National Guard.

[5a-Capitol Preservation Board Performance Report 2018](#)

[5b-Veterans and Military Affairs Performance Report 2018](#)

[5c-Utah National Guard Performance Report 2018](#)

6 . Other Business/Adjourn

Chair Last noted that a written report from the Department of Corrections on Jail Contracting and Offender Population was included behind Tab 6 in the committee binders.

[6-Department of Corrections Jail Contracting and Offender Population](#)

MOTION: Sen. Stevenson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7 .

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Rep. S. Hollins
Rep. G. Hughes
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Nays-0

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Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 1:33 p.m.