



# MINUTES

## EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

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Tuesday, February 5, 2019 | 8:00 a.m. | 25 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg, Senate Chair  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair  
Rep. Joel Ferry, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. Derek L. Kitchen  
Sen. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton

Rep. Kyle R. Andersen  
Rep. James A. Dunnigan  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Marc K. Roberts  
Rep. Angela Romero

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Linda Service, Session 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 . 8:00 am: Call to Order/Approval of Minutes**

Chair Hutchings called the meeting to order at 8:07 a.m.

#### **2 . 8:05 am: Office of the Attorney General (Base budget \$70.3 million)**

Mr. Sean Reyes, Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, gave an introduction to his office and addressed challenges such as hiring and retentions, litigations throughout the state, fraudulent behavior, and law enforcement technology. He asked for competitive salaries.

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst (LFA), discussed recommendations from his office which included case settlement fee, legal services provided to state agencies under an internal service fund rate structure, and challenges of pay structure.

Rep. King asked Mr. Wilson regarding the pay schedule for a variety of staff. Mr. Wilson then resumed his presentation.

Rep. Ferry asked Mr. Reyes what kind of salary increase would a state-employed attorney expect when moving to federal government employment.

At the request of Chair Hutchings, Ms. Kimberly Schmeling, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Attorney General, discussed the Internal Service Fund (ISF) assisted by Mr. Reyes. A discussion followed.

Rep. Anderson asked Mr. Reyes to speak to the ability of his office to attract new talent and compete with other agencies.

Ms. Schmeling and Mr. Wilson responded to a question from Chair Hutchings related to pay rate increases. A discussion followed.

Mr. Reyes addressed attrition rates within the office.

#### **3 . 9:20 am: Office of the Guardian ad Litem (Base budget \$8.8 million)**

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, LFA, provided the LFA analyst presentation. He instructed the committee on the Base Budget Bill and commented on budget options, outcome measures, budget considerations, and compensation increases.

Ms. Stacey Snyder, Director, Office of the Guardian ad Litem, presented an overview of the agency and commented on its importance to children in state care.

Chair Hutchings spoke to the improvement in case load numbers over the years. Ms. Snyder continued her presentation.

9:50 am: Utah Communications Authority

Mr. Syphus provided a brief overview of the Utah Communications Authority and mentioned the needs of the Emergency Communications Network.

Mr. Dave Edmunds, Executive Director, Utah Communications Authority, reviewed the agency presentation discussing technology, fees, and budget requests.

Chair Hutchings asked for clarification from Mr. Edmunds related to funding of 911 calls, improvement of outdated radio systems, and technology.

Rep. Roberts asked a question related to the privacy aspect when managing 911 calls.

Rep. Romero asked Mr. Edmunds to explain the difference between radio and broadband. Mr. Quin Stephens, Deputy Director, Utah Communications Authority, helped with clarification. Mr. Edmunds continued his presentation.

Rep. Ferry shared an experience with a 911 call.

Chair Hutchings discussed with Mr. Edmunds and Mr. Stephens the need for an increase of \$.25 to the current \$.09 911 emergency fee resulting in a fee of \$.96.

#### **4 . 10:30 am: EOCJ Federal Funds Brief**

Mr. Syphus provided an introduction to the federal funds and fees in the EOCJ Federal Funds Brief, including LFA recommendations. He also reviewed Commission on Criminal Juvenile Justice, Crime Victims Reparation - Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Grant, and the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant.

#### [4-Issue Brief - 2019 GS - EOCJ 2019 and 2020 Federal Funds](#)

Sen. Kitchen asked if the Emergency Management Preparedness Grant included earthquake preparedness. Mr. Syphus responded and continued his presentation on grants.

Chair Hutchings requested Mr. David Walsh, Deputy Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice, commented on grants that might be in jeopardy of failing.

Mr. Gary Scheller, Director, Utah Office of Victims of Crime, addressed VOCA funds. A discussion followed, including victim advocacy and the viability of VOCA surcharges.

#### **5 . 10:40 am: EOCJ Fees/ISF (SB0008 - State Agency Fees and Internal Service Fund Rate Authorization and Appropriations)**

Mr. Syphus reviewed the LFA analyst presentation found in the meeting materials about the ISF/Fee Bill.

#### [5-Senate Bill 8 - Fees and Internal Service Fund](#)



**MOTION:** Sen. Anderegg moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2018, August 14, 2018, and October 16, 2018 interim meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-14

Rep. C. Acton  
Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. K. Andersen  
Sen. C. Bramble  
Rep. J. Ferry  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. E. Hutchings  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. D. Kitchen  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. M. Roberts  
Rep. A. Romero

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. D. Buxton  
Rep. J. Dunnigan

Chair Hutchings and Sen. Anderegg gave instructions and reminders to committee members.

Students from Granite Connections High were recognized and welcomed.

**MOTION:** Sen. Bramble moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-13

Rep. C. Acton  
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Rep. A. Romero

Nays-0

Absent-3

Sen. D. Buxton  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Sen. D. Kitchen