



# MINUTES

## FEDERALISM COMMISSION

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, June 6, 2019 | 9:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair  
Rep. Keven J. Stratton, Chair  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Ronald Winterton  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Brian S. King

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Karen Mayne

Rep. Carl R. Albrecht

Rep. Tim Quinn

**Staff Present:**

Ms. Julie Humberstone, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Shannon C. Halverson, Associate General Counsel  
Mr. Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Sidnee Bailey, Administrative Assistant  
Ms. Cassidy Hansen, Administrative Assistant

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).

Chair Stratton called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

### 1 . Committee Business

### 2 . Federalism Commission Overview

Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, explained the background and presented a brief overview of the Federalism Commission and its responsibilities.

[Commission Overview Presentation](#)

### 3 . Review of Work

Chair Fillmore highlighted work accomplished by the Federal Funds Commission and Commission on Federalism.

Chair Stratton highlighted work accomplished by the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands.

[CSPL letter to LMC - plans](#)

[CSPL letter to LMC - DC](#)

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to adopt the Commission for the Stewardship of Public Lands' two letters involving a request to issue an RFP for management plans and a request to issue an RFP for lobbying and relationship efforts in Washington D.C. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. T. Quinn

Robert H. Rees, Attorney, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, discussed the status of the Utah Valley University and Geomancer contracts held by the Commission on Federalism.

[Contracts of Precursor Commissions](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Fillmore moved for the Federalism Commission to assume and continue the contracts previously held by the Commission on Federalism related to the federalism index work done by Utah Valley University and the valuation of federal lands done by Geomancer. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-6

Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-3

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. T. Quinn

**4 . Federalism Index**[Federalism Indexing Project June Progress Report](#)

Samuel Hill, Ambassador, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, discussed what federalism means, the goals of the project, and why the project is important.

Andrew Bibby, Associate Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, highlighted work accomplished and the current projects of the Center for Constitutional Studies.

Carl Scott, Assistant Director, Center for Constitutional Studies, Utah Valley University, spoke to the creation of federalism index.

**5 . Valuation of Federal Lands**[Executive Summary - Prototype Demonstration Washington County](#)

Ryan L. Freeman, CEO, Geomancer Inc., presented and demonstrated the Geomancer software.

Sean Yergensen, CTO, Geomancer Inc., clarified the Geomancer software functions and capabilities.

**MOTION:** Rep. Christofferson moved to authorize the commission chairs to negotiate additional terms of the contract with Geomancer to complete additional valuation work for the entire state of Utah and to execute the modification of the agreement on behalf of the commission consistent with those negotiated terms.  
The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. T. Quinn

**6 . Other Items/Adjourn**

Chair Stratton announced that future meetings will be held the Thursday after regular interim days, beginning in August.

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-5

Rep. K. Christofferson  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Stratton  
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. T. Quinn

Chair Stratton adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.