



Transportation Interim Committee

UTA: Local District / State Entity

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Governor's Appointment Authority

17B-2a-807.2. Existing large public transit district board of trustees -- Appointment -- Quorum -- Compensation – Terms.

(1)(b)(i) Except as provided in Subsection (5), the governor, with advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the members of the board of trustees, making:

(A) one appointment from individuals nominated from the central region as described in Subsection (2);

(B) one appointment from individuals nominated from the southern region described in Subsection (3); and

(C) one appointment from individuals nominated from the northern region described in Subsection (4).

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(8) Each member of the board of trustees of a large public transit district shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

(10) The governor shall designate one member of the board of trustees as chair of the board of trustees.

UTA - Component Unit of the State

- Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements 14, 39, and 61, as amended by Statement 80, establish standards for defining the reporting entity including its component units.

UTA - Component Unit of the State

- UTA holds its own corporate powers
- The Primary Government (Governor) appoints a majority of the UTA Board with Senate consent
- The Governor can remove UTA Board members at will
- UTA is not included in the financial statements of another Primary Gov't

UTA

- Codified in 17B
 - Limited Purpose Local Government Entities - Local Districts
- Not intended to be a state agency
- But appears to be a de facto state entity

State Entity

- Legally separate entity but included in State's financial statements
- Pseudo-independent entity over which the State exercises significant or controlling influence

Independent State Entities

- Utah Communications Authority
- Heber Valley Historic Railroad Authority
- School and Institutional Trust Fund Office
- School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
- Utah Beef Council
- Utah Dairy Commission
- Utah State Retirement Systems (URS)
- Utah Energy Infrastructure Authority
- Utah State Railroad Museum Authority
- Military Installation Development Authority (MIDA)
- Utah Housing Corporation
- Utah State Fair Corporation
- Utah Capital Investment Corporation