



# MINUTES

## HIGHER EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, February 4, 2020 | 9:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

### Members Present:

Sen. Keith Grover, Senate Chair  
Rep. Michael K. McKell, House Chair  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Jon Hawkins  
Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
Rep. Mark A. Strong  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

### Members Absent:

Rep. Susan Duckworth, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

### Staff Present:

Sean C. Faherty, Finance Officer  
Ben Leishman, Finance Manager  
Lorna Wells, Committee Secretary

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 Grover called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

## 1 . Utah Community Colleges Presentation

David Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education gave an introduction about community colleges.

### [3a-Community Colleges System Presentation](#)

David Woolstenhulme gave an overview about Snow College.

David Woolstenhulme gave an overview about Salt Lake Community College.

Rich Amon, Associate Commissioner for Finance & Facilities presented a financial summary page for the community colleges.

### [3b-USHE Institution Finance Summary Brief 2020 GS](#)

USHE Institution Finance Summary Brief 2020 GS

Rep. Ballard expressed appreciation for the comparable metrics. She asked for more information about other efficiencies. David Woolstenhulme and Rich Amon reported that some of that information is now available.

Rep. McKell was anxious to see how this information compares with next year as the systems are combined. He would like more information about the cost per student. David Woolstenhulme responded.

## 2 . Approve Minutes - January 29 and 31, 2020

**MOTION:** Rep. McKell moved to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2020 and January 31, 2020 meetings. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-11

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0Absent-5

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Sen. E. Vickers

**3 . Snow College Presentation**

Brad Cook, President of Snow College gave a presentation about Snow College.

[Snow College Presentation](#)

Rep. Shipp applauded Pres. Cook for his great work, the information presented, and emphasis on technical programs.

Pres. Cook continued his presentation about Snow College.

Rep. Ballard commented about the prison program. She discussed some possible partnerships with private companies.

Sen. Hillyard complimented Pres. Cook on the preparation of transfer students when they transfer to Utah State University. He asked about the possibility of offering more technical training to encourage the growth of these businesses in this area. Pres. Cook responded.

Chair Grover complimented Pres. Cook on his leadership at Snow. He asked for Pres. Cook to help Legislators better understand the needs at Snow College.

**4 . Salt Lake Community College Presentation**

Deneece Huftalin, President, Salt Lake Community College (SLCC) gave a presentation about SLCC.

[4a-SLCC Higher Ed Approps 2020 Presentation](#)

Rep. Pierucci applauded Pres. Huftalin for SLCC's work. She commented on the Herriman campus. Pres. Huftalin responded and continued her presentation.

Rep. McKell thanked Pres. Huftalin for her presentation and the great work at SLCC. He encouraged looking at models that would be helpful as the systems are combined.

Sen. Mayne commented about the importance and great work at the Salt Lake Community College. She said they cannot be compared to the major universities and need to be funded differently. Pres. Huftalin responded.

Rep. Wheatley asked about student intervention in middle schools. Pres. Huftalin responded.

Rep. McKell welcomed and introduced the Students' of the Year from the technical colleges.

Pres. Huftalin commented on the unique role of SLCC and not using the same measurements as their 4-year partners. She also continued to respond about College Access Advisors middle school program.

## **5 . Strategic Workforce Initiative Introduction/Update**

Sean Faherty gave an overview about the Strategic Workforce Investment program.

[5c-Strategic Workforce Initiatives Background Presentation](#)

[5a-Issue Brief - 2020 General Session - Strategic Workforce Investments Program - Review and Proposed Changes](#)

Sean Faherty gave information about the twelve FY 2021 Proposals.

[5b-2020 GS SWI Proposals](#)

Sen. Vickers stated this has been a very successful and effective program. He would welcome more accountability.

Rep. Ballard expressed appreciation for the collaboration with the two systems.

## **6 . RFA - Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health**

Sen. Mayne gave some background about the funding request for the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health.

[6-RFA Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health](#)

Dennis Lloyd, Senior Vice President, WCF Mutual Insurance Company spoke about the importance of this funding request.

[Rocky Mountain COEH Major Interactions with Utah](#)

[Rocky Mountain COEH Family & Preventive Medicine 2020](#)

Eric Wood, Director, Occupational Medicine Program explained why the funding is so important for rural communities.

## **7 . RFA - Utah Area Health Education Centers Funding Request**

Sen. Vickers explained this funding request for AHEC with the assistance of Jenna Christensen, Associate Director.

[7a-RFA Utah Area Health Education Centers](#)

[7b-RFA Utah AHEC 2020](#)

Stephen Lisonbee, Executive Director of Regional Services, Southern Utah University, explained this program.

## **8 . RFA - Rural Dental Recruitment, Experience and Placement**

Sen. Ralph Okerlund gave an overview of the funding request for rural dental recruitment.

[8-RFA Rural Dental Recruitment - Experience and Placement](#)

Wyatt R. Hume, DDS, PhD, Dean, School of Dentistry further explained the request.

Sen. Okerlund gave some closing remarks about this funding request.



**MOTION:** Rep. McKell moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. J. Hawkins  
Rep. M. McKell  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. M. Strong  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. S. Duckworth  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Sen. J. Stevenson

Chair Grover adjourned the meeting at 10:57 a.m.