

# Meeting Outline

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## Political Subdivisions Interim Committee

Online Meeting, Wednesday, June 17, 2020

1:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.

(Outline version: 06/08/20)

Anchor location for meeting: Room 20 House Building, State Capitol Complex, Salt Lake City, Utah

*Due to public health restrictions, members of the public are not permitted to attend the meeting at the anchor location but are invited to participate [online](#).*

Approximate  
Time Frame

### 1:15 1. Committee Business

#### Background

- Call to order
- Introduce staff
  - Gus Harb, Attorney
  - Nathan Erickson, Administrative Assistant
  - Sam Brucker, Policy Analyst
- [Draft minutes of the November 20, 2019, meeting](#)
- [Potential Interim Study Topics, by Committee](#) (Source: Compiled by Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel; amended and adopted by the Legislative Management Committee May 13, 2020)
- [Political Subdivisions Interim Study Topics, Statutorily Required Reports, Sunset Reviews](#) (Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel)
- [2020 Interim Schedule](#) (Adopted by the Legislative Management Committee May 13, 2020)

#### Issues

- [Joint Rule 7-1-401](#) requires each interim committee to adopt a list of interim study items during the interim committee's first meeting.
- [Joint Rule 7-1-602](#) specifies that an interim committee may authorize the committee chairs to independently open one or more committee bill files throughout the interim period under certain conditions.

#### Presenters

- Sam Brucker, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

- Gus Harb, Attorney, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel

### Potential Action

- Approve draft minutes of the November 20, 2019, meeting.
- Discuss, amend, approve draft interim study plan per JR 7-1-401.
- Discuss, approve motion regarding JR 7-1-602.

- 1:30    **2. COVID-19 State of Affairs – Municipalities**  
*The committee will receive reports and consider municipal issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

### Background

- Statutory Guidance
- Fiscal Landscape
- Case Studies – Responses
- [COVID-19 Information for Local Governments](#) (Source: Utah League of Cities and Towns)

### Issues

- *Did state statutes provide enough guidance?*
- *What is the fiscal landscape for municipalities?*
- *How did municipalities of various sizes respond?*
- *Are there remaining gaps, or statutory changes, the Legislature should address for municipalities to effectively respond to COVID-19 challenges?*

### Presenters

- Victoria Ashby, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns
- Case study presenters

### Potential Action

- Request additional information.
- Request draft legislation.

2:00

### 3. COVID-19 State of Affairs – Counties

*The committee will receive reports and consider county issues related to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

### Background

- Statutory Guidance
- Fiscal Landscape
- Case Studies
- [COVID-19 Resources](#) (Utah Association of Counties)

### Issues

- *Did state statutes provide enough guidance?*
- *What is the fiscal landscape for counties?*
- *How did counties of various sizes respond?*
- *Are there remaining gaps, or statutory changes, the Legislature should address for counties to effectively respond to COVID-19 challenges?*

### Presenters

- Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Legislative Affairs, Utah Association of Counties
- Brandy Grace, CEO, Utah Association of Counties

### Potential Action

- Request additional information.
- Request draft legislation.

2:45

### 4. Local Government Emergency Response

*The committee will consider the COVID-19 pandemic emergency response.*

### Background

On March 6, 2020 Governor Herbert declared a [state of emergency](#) in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In the following weeks, [several political subdivisions issued](#) “shelter-in-place” mandates independently of the state.

This study item examines [local government officials’ emergency authorities](#), the resources available to adequately respond to a crisis, communication lines between state and local officials, and the implications of shelter-in-place orders.

### Issues

- *What are local government emergency authorities?*
- *What resources were available? Was it adequate?*
- *What are the communication lines between state, local, and health department officials?*

### Presenters

- Gus Harb, Attorney, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel
- Lincoln Shurtz, Director of Government Affairs, Utah Association of Counties
- Jill Parker, Executive Director, Utah Association of Local Health Departments
- Case study presenters
- Representative Timothy Hawkes

### Potential Action

- Request additional information.
- Request draft legislation.

3:20

## 5. Emergency Medical Services Interim Study Update

*The committee will hear about issues associated with emergency medical services.*

### Background

In the 2020 General Session, the House Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Committee heard testimony on [H.B. 190 “Local Government Cooperation Contacts”](#). The bill required



that cities and counties provide or contract for emergency medical services within their jurisdictions.

### Issues

- *How are emergency medical services paid for?*
- *Should they be considered an essential service?*

### Presenters

- Representative Dan Johnson
- Case study presenters

### Potential Action

- Request additional information.

## 3:45 6. Other items/Adjourn