



# MINUTES

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, June 16, 2020 | 1:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Allen M. Christensen, Chair  
 Rep. Brad M. Daw, Chair  
 Sen. David G. Buxton  
 Sen. Luz Escamilla  
 Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
 Rep. Stewart E. Barlow  
 Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost  
 Rep. Steve Eliason  
 Rep. Sandra Hollins  
 Rep. Brian S. King  
 Rep. Karianne Lisonbee

Rep. Kelly B. Miles  
 Rep. Paul Ray  
 Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
 Rep. Robert M. Spendlove  
 Rep. Norman K. Thurston  
 Rep. Raymond P. Ward

**Staff Present:**

Mark D. Andrews, Policy Analyst  
 Karin M. Rueff, Policy Analyst  
 Daniel M. Cheung, Associate General Counsel  
 Ericka A. Evans, Associate General Counsel  
 Nathan Erickson, 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 Daw called the meeting to order at 1:08 p.m.

### 1 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the minutes of the committee's November 20, 2019, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-11

Sen. A. Christensen  
 Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
 Rep. B. Daw  
 Rep. S. Hollins  
 Rep. B. King  
 Rep. K. Lisonbee  
 Rep. K. Miles  
 Rep. P. Ray  
 Rep. R. Shipp  
 Rep. R. Spendlove  
 Rep. N. Thurston

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. S. Barlow  
 Sen. D. Buxton  
 Rep. S. Eliason  
 Sen. L. Escamilla  
 Sen. E. Vickers  
 Rep. R. Ward

### 2 . COVID-19 - The Past, the Present and the Future

[2.7 Utah Public Health COVID-19 Response Timeline \(Utah Department of Health\)](#)

Dr. Joseph Miner, Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, introduced a timeline documenting Utah's response to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also introduced individuals from the department who would discuss various elements of the timeline.

Dr. Angela Dunn, Utah State Epidemiologist, Utah Department of Health, discussed the COVID-19 pandemic timeline.

Rich Saunders, Chief Deputy of COVID-19, Utah Department of Health, discussed the development and review of phased guidelines for responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dr. Miner again addressed the committee regarding COVID-19.

Jefferson Burton, Acting Executive Director, Utah Department of Health, discussed the COVID-19 Unified Command and the Public Health Emergency Commission.

Dr. Dunn discussed how the department will move forward during the pandemic. Presenters from department responded to questions from the committee.

Nate Checketts, Deputy Director, Utah Department of Health, discussed COVID-19 testing.

Department presenters continued answering questions from the committee.

Mark Steinagel, Director, Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing, Utah Department of Commerce, reviewed how the division has responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Tanji Northrup, Deputy Commissioner, Utah Insurance Department, reviewed how health insurers and the department have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ann Silverberg Williamson, Executive Director, Utah Department of Human Services, spoke about addressing racism in human services. She also explained how the department is maintaining mission-critical care in the COVID-19 pandemic environment.

David C. Gessel, Executive Vice President, Utah Hospital Association, reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on hospitals.

Michelle S. McOmber, Chief Executive Officer, Utah Medical Association, reviewed the impact of COVID-19 on physicians and made recommendations for the future.

#### [2.8 SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) \(Source: Utah Medical Association\)](#)

Dirk Anjewierden, Executive Director, Utah Healthcare Association, reviewed how long-term care facilities have responded to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Dave Davis, President and Chief Legal Officer, Utah Retail Merchants Association, addressed retail pharmacies' readiness to do vaccination and testing for COVID-19.

### **3 . COVID-19 - Draft Legislation**

#### [3.8 Draft Legislation - High Risk Population Protection Amendments](#)

Senator Curtis S. Bramble presented draft legislation "High Risk Population Protection Amendments."

Dirk Anjewierden spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to favorably recommend draft legislation "High Risk Population Protection Amendments" (06-16-20 draft; 2020S5-0019/003). The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 1 - 2.

Yeas-14

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-1

Rep. B. King

Absent-2

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla

[3.2 Draft Legislation - Reserve Fund Amendments](#)

[3.3 Draft Legislation - Concurrent Resolution on Refunding Funds to the State from the State Insurance Risk Pools](#)

Sen. Winterton presented draft legislation "Reserve Refund Amendments" and "Concurrent Resolution On Refunding Funds to the State From the State Insurance Risk Pools."

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to favorably recommend draft legislation "Reserve Refund Amendments" (06-16-20 draft; 2020S5-0027/002). The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. P. Ray

**MOTION:** Rep. Thurston moved to favorably recommend draft legislation "Concurrent Resolution on Refunding Funds to the State From the State Insurance Risk Pools" (06-16-20 draft; 2020S5-0026/002). The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

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Rep. B. Daw  
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Rep. B. King  
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Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
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Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0Absent-3

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. P. Ray

**4 . Sunset Review - Introduction**[4.5 Sunset Reviews: A Brief Overview](#)

Ericka Evans, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, noted that the Legislative Management Committee has referred four statutes to the committee for sunset review later this year.

**5 . 2020 Interim Study Plan**[5.1 Potential Interim Study Topics, by Committee \(Source: Compiled by Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel; amended and adopted by the Legislative Management Committee May 13, 2020\)](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Christensen moved to approve the 2020 Health and Human Services interim study item list adopted by the Legislative Management Committee May 13, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-14

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Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0Absent-3

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla  
Rep. P. Ray

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to authorize the committee chairs to open bill files for the regular session, if allowed by legislative rule, and also to open bill files for potential future sessions during calendar year 2020, that are relevant to the interim study item list approved by the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-15

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla

**MOTION:** Rep. Eliason moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 2.

Yeas-15

Sen. D. Buxton  
Sen. A. Christensen  
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost  
Rep. B. Daw  
Rep. S. Eliason  
Rep. S. Hollins  
Rep. B. King  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. K. Miles  
Rep. P. Ray  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. R. Spendlove  
Rep. N. Thurston  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. R. Ward

Nays-0

Absent-2

Rep. S. Barlow  
Sen. L. Escamilla

Chair Daw adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.