



# MINUTES

## LEGISLATIVE AUDIT SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Tuesday, August 18, 2020 | 4:00 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

President J. Stuart Adams, Co-chair  
Speaker Brad R. Wilson, Co-chair  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Evan J. Vickers  
Rep. Francis D. Gibson

Rep. Brian S. King

**Staff Present:**

Brian J. Dean, Deputy Auditor General  
Darin R. Underwood, Deputy Auditor General  
Kade R. Minchey, Auditor General  
Julia Conner, Executive 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).

### 1 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** President Adams moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-5

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-1

Sen. K. Mayne

### 2 . Audit Report Presentations

Mr. Darin Underwood, Deputy Auditor General, introduced An In-Depth Budget Review of the Department of Environmental Quality Report (Report#2020-04).

[Report 2020-04 An In-Depth Review of the Department of Environmental Quality](#)

Mr. David Gibson, Audit Supervisor, presented the findings of the audit.

Mr. Underwood introduced A Performance Audit of the Division of Air Quality (Report2020-05).

[Report 2020-05 A Performance Audit of the Division of Air Quality](#)

Ms. Hillary Galvin, Performance Auditor, presented the findings of the audit.

Ms. Galvin responded to a question from Senator Mayne regarding emissions inspections.

Ms. Galvin responded to a question from Senator Mayne regarding the availability of inspectors and pressure on inspectors for diligent and timely inspections.

Ms. Galvin answered a question from Senator Mayne regarding the difficulty of tracing the documentation.

Mr. Underwood responded to a question from President Adams regarding the trend of the environmental quality across the board.

Mr. Matt Harvey, Audit Supervisor, also responded to the question from President Adams.

Mr. Harvey responded to a question from Representative King regarding the improvement in deficiencies and compliance in drinking water quality.

Mr. Harvey responded to a question from Representative King regarding the number of exemptions without expiration, in regards to water quality.

Mr. Gibson responded to a question from Representative King regarding the lack of regulation around above ground storage tanks.

Ms. Galvin responded to a question from Representative King regarding wood burning devices.

Ms. Galvin responded to a question from Representative King regarding residential wood burning stove emissions.

Ms. Galvin responded to a question from Representative Gibson regarding the percentage of conversion wood burning stoves.

Mr. Scott Baird, Executive Director of the Department of Environmental Quality, responded to the findings of the audit.

**MOTION:** President Adams moved to refer An In-Depth Budget Review of the Department of Environmental Quality and A Performance Audit of the Division of Air Quality to the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Quality Appropriations Subcommittee as the lead committee, and the Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Interim Committee as the review committee. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-6

Nays-0

Absent-0

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. B. Wilson

Mr. Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, introduced An In-Depth Follow-Up of 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing (Report2020-06).

[Report 2020-06 An In-Depth Follow-Up of 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing](#)

Mr. Jake Dinsdale, Audit Supervisor, presented the findings of the audit.

Mr. Dinsdale responded to a question from Representative Gibson regarding the number of 911 staff in rural areas.

Mr. Dinsdale responded to a question from Representative Gibson regarding national standards for number of dispatchers on duty at a given time.

Mr. Dinsdale responded to a question from Representative Gibson regarding the different standards or lack of standards for 911 dispatcher minimums.

President Adams commented on Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communication Center's (VECC) failure to reach compliance since 2012.

Mr. Scott Ruf, Executive Director, Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center (VECC), responded to the findings of the audit.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Speaker Wilson regarding how VECC compares to other large emergency response centers in the country.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Speaker Wilson regarding other large emergency response centers meeting the standards.

Mr. Dinsdale responded to Speaker Wilson regarding correlation between long response times and seriousness of emergency.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Speaker Wilson regarding VECC's threshold for wait times and improvement projections.

Mr. Ruff responded to a question from Speaker Wilson regarding VECC setting goals to be within the standards.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Speaker Wilson regarding clarification on when the goals will be set.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Senator Mayne regarding starting salary at the VECC.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Senator Mayne regarding staff advancement opportunities at the VECC.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Senator Mayne regarding staff turnover and the trend of turnover over time.

Mr. Ruf responded to a question from Senator Mayne regarding emotional support available to staff.

Senator Vickers commented on a potential follow up in a year.

Mr. Dan Petersen, Chief, Unified Fire Authority, Chair, VECC Board of Trustees, responded to the audit.

Representative King commented on a potential follow up in the next year.

Mr. Petersen responded to a question from Speaker Wilson regarding what standards need to be met and by when.

Mr. Paul Patrick, Director, Division of Family Health and Preparedness, responded to the audit.

**MOTION:** President Adams moved that the Auditor General follow-up in six and 12 months to determine if the Salt Lake Valley Emergency Communications Center and the Salt Lake 911 Center have improved their call answering performance. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-0

**MOTION:** President Adams moved to refer An In-Depth Follow-Up of 911 Audits and Review of 911 Staffing to the Executive Offices and Criminal Justice Appropriations Subcommittee as the lead committee, and the Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Interim Committee as the review committee. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-0

**MOTION:**

Rep. Gibson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 0.

Yeas-6

Sen. J. Adams  
Rep. F. Gibson  
Rep. B. King  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Sen. E. Vickers  
Rep. B. Wilson

Nays-0

Absent-0