



# DRAFT MINUTES

## INFRASTRUCTURE AND GENERAL GOVERNMENT

### APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, August 17, 2020 | 8:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore, Senate Chair  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers, House Chair  
Rep. Brady Brammer, House Vice Chair  
Sen. Jacob L. Anderegg  
Sen. David G. Buxton  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. Deidre M. Henderson  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Karen Mayne  
Sen. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Walt Brooks  
Rep. A. Cory Maloy

Rep. Calvin R. Musselman  
Rep. Merrill F. Nelson  
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher  
Rep. Lawanna Shurtliff  
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Mike Schultz

**Staff Present:**

Greta G. Rodebush, Executive Assistant  
Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager  
Brian Wikle, Financial Analyst

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 . Call to Order

Chair Sagers called the meeting to order at 8:09 a.m.

### 2 . Approval of Minutes

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of May 28, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-13

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Sen. K. Cullimore  
Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. K. Mayne  
Rep. C. Musselman  
Rep. M. Nelson  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. D. Sagers  
Rep. L. Shurtliff

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. D. Buxton  
Rep. A. Maloy  
Sen. D. McCay  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. A. Stoddard

### 3 . Budget of the State of Utah

Brian Wikle presented the revenue and economic update.

[Revenue and Economic Update - August 2020- Subcommittee](#)

Brian Wikle presented the "Budget of the State of Utah, A Report on the Actions of the Utah State Legislature 2020 General Session".

[Budget of the State of Utah IGG](#)

#### **4 . Appropriations Overview as of the 2020 5th Special Session**

Brian Wikle explained that the A3 and B2 Tables in the Budget of the State of Utah pertain to the appropriation adjustments for FY 2021 and FY 2020, respectively.

Ivan Djambov demonstrated how to access detailed budget information for FY 2021 by using the Tableau Dashboard.

[Tableau Dashboard: Appropriations Crosswalk](#)

#### **5 . Department of Transportation**

Carlos Braceras, Executive Director, Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT), was joined by members of the UDOT team. He discussed how the department is managing its budgets and program activities given recent budget adjustments.

[Department of Transportation IGG 8-17-2020](#)

Carlos Braceras discussed the budget reduction for the Support Services line item.

Jason Davis, Deputy Director of Operations and Engineering, UDOT, discussed the budget reductions to the Operations/Maintenance line item.

Brian Wikle noted that the \$1.8 million in Transportation Fund that the Legislature cut from the department's operational line items is now appropriated to the Transportation Investment Fund of 2005 (TIF), and that statute directs a transfer of \$1.8 million from the TIF back to the General Fund each fiscal year. If the Legislature starts to build back some of the cuts as revenues improve, the year-end transfer from the TIF to the General Fund would still occur absent a statutory change.

Jason Davis discussed how the department is managing reductions to seasonal roads, program activities, and equipment purchases.

Linda Hull, Policy and Legislative Services Director, UDOT, gave an update on the Federal Transportation Program that included the Federal Highway Trust Fund and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation (FAST) Act.

Sen. Mayne asked questions about the impact of COVID-19 on the Highway Trust Fund and the FAST Act. Linda Hull and Carlos Braceras responded.

Sen. Mayne expressed her support for Utah's transportation projects and efforts to protect the safety of highway construction workers.

Jason Davis highlighted some of the construction activity that is taking place around the State via a virtual tour.

Carlos Braceras noted that constituents could find additional information about transportation projects on UDOT's website.

Carlos Braceras briefly discussed the rebalancing of UDOT's line items. Chair Sagers responded.

#### **6 . Department of Technology Services**

Mike Hussey, Chief Information Officer, Department of Technology Services (DTS), discussed how DTS is managing programs through adjustments to budgets that includes: Internal Services, Chief Information Officer, and Automated Geographic Reference Center.

[Department of Technology Services IGG 2020.08.17](#)

Mike Hussey highlighted a number of DTS priorities that focus on savings.

Rep. Maloy asked questions about the use and return of state-owned equipment by employees who are working remotely. Mike Hussey responded.

Rep. Maloy asked about the difficulty of retrieving hardware from employees who have been let go from their employment. Mike Hussey responded.

Chair Sagers inquired about the value of using survey monuments given today's satellite technology.

Sen. Buxton asked about security risks associated with the use of private computers. Mike Hussey responded.

Mike Hussey responded to Chair Sagers question about the value of using survey markers or monuments.

## **7 . Department of Administrative Services**

Tani Downing, Executive Director, Department of Administrative Services (DAS), briefly discussed how DAS is managing agency services subsequent to budget cuts made during the special session.

Ken Hansen, Deputy Executive Director, DAS, discussed implications of budget reductions to state travel, membership dues, training, extending computer upgrade cycles, decommissioning of old application servers, and elimination of paper processes.

Tani Downing discussed how budget reductions are impacting employee retention and recruitment.

Ken Hansen discussed budget cuts to the FINET Statewide Accounting System Upgrade, the Utah Public Notice Website, and the Open Records Portal.

Sen. Mayne acknowledged the budgetary needs of DAS. She asked how state benefits compare with what other companies are offering employees. Tani Downing responded.

Sen. Mayne commented that the State needs to fund the departments so they can attract long-term skilled employees. Tani Downing responded.

Rep. Brammer asked about the low-end range of the salaries that the State is offering. Tani Downing and Marilee Richins, Deputy Executive Director, DAS, responded.

Rep. Brammer expressed concern about rhetoric that compares the salaries and benefits of state employees with the private market. Tani Downing and Marilee Richins responded.

## **8 . Other Business**

**MOTION:** Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 2.



Yeas-16

Rep. B. Brammer  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Sen. D. Buxton  
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Rep. L. Shurtliff  
Rep. A. Stoddard

Nays-0

Absent-2

Sen. J. Anderegg  
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Sagers adjourned the meeting at 10:23 a.m.