



LEGISLATURE

MINUTES

NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY APPROPRIATIONS

SUBCOMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 8, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall, Chair
Rep. Stewart E. Barlow, House Chair
Rep. Scott H. Chew, Vice Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Daniel McCay
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht
Rep. Tim Jimenez
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Phil Lyman

Rep. Doug Owens
Rep. Casey Snider
Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox

Members Absent:

Sen. David G. Buxton
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Rep. Michael L. Kohler

Staff Present:

Ivan D. Djambov, Finance Manager
Lacey K. Moore, Finance Manager
Makelle Winingger, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

1. Call to Order

Chair Sandall called the meeting to order at 8:35 A.M.

2. A Performance Audit of Utah's State Energy Policy

Brian Dean, Deputy Auditor General, Office of Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), introduced McKenzie Cantlon, Audit Staff, OLAG; and Mathias Boone, Audit Supervisor, OLAG. They presented the performance audit of Utah's State Energy Policy.

[2\) A Performance Audit of Utah's State Energy Policy](#)

Chair Sandall asked what is causing the high number of turnovers in the report and what legislative barriers can the state of Utah focus on to take down to implement a better energy plan. Brian Dean, McKenzie Cantlon, and Mathias Boone responded to the questions.

Rep. Albrecht emphasized the concern for the turnover and how critical the use of energy is. He also asked which 13 states are taking actions that Utah is not. Mathias Boone and Brian Dean responded to the question.

Rep. Lyman commented on the bureaucracy we have in the use of resources. Brian Dean commented on Rep. Lyman's comments.

Chair Sandall commented on the critical work that needs to be done.

3. Approval of Minutes from June 13th

MOTION: Rep. Barlow moved to approve the minutes for the meeting on June 13, 2023. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht
Rep. S. Barlow
Sen. N. Blouin
Rep. S. Chew
Rep. T. Jimenez
Rep. B. King
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. P. Lyman
Rep. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Rep. C. Snider
Sen. R. Winterton

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. D. Buxton
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. M. Kohler
Sen. D. McCay
Rep. R. Wilcox

4. Accountable Budget Process - Office of Energy Development

Lacey Moore presented the accountable budget process for the Office of Energy Development (OED).

[4-7\) LFA Presentation Accountable Budget Process](#)

[4\) Accountable Budget Process for the Office of Energy Development](#)

[4-7\) Table - Accountable Budget Process Recommendations with Agency Response](#)

Harry Hansen, Deputy Director, OED and Debi Carty, Finance Director, OED, responded and provided further explanations on their ongoing efforts in OED.

5. Accountable Budget Process - Division of Water Rights

Lacey Moore presented the accountable budget process for the Division of Water Rights.

[5\) Accountable Budget Process for the Division of Water Rights](#)

Chair Sandall commented on the importance of water amidst the growing population of the state.

Teresa Wilhelmsen, State Engineer, Director of the Division of Water Rights, commented on the accountable budget process and further explained the ongoing efforts within the division.

Teresa Wilhelmsen made a presentation.

6. Accountable Budget Process - Division of Water Resources Funds

Lacey Moore presented the accountable budget process for the Division of Water Resources.

Rep. Lund asked about the 1963 Water Power Board. Lacey Moore responded.

Candice Hassenyager, Director, Division of Water Resources; commented on the accountable budget process and further explained the division's ongoing efforts.

Rep. Chew asked about the use of drinking and agricultural water. Candice Hassenyager responded to the question.

Chair Sandall asked a follow up question about the responsibility of upkeeping the water infrastructure. Candice Hassenyager responded to the question.

7. Accountable Budget Process - Division of Wildlife Resources

Ivan Djambov presented the accountable budget process for the Division of Wildlife Resources.

[7\) Accountable Budget Process for Wildlife Resources](#)

Chair Sandall asked if the two mentioned accounts are non-lapsing. Ivan Djambov responded to the questions.

Rep. Barlow assumed the chair at 10:08 A.M.

Sen. Sandall resumed the chair at 10:10 A.M.

Michael Canning, Deputy Director, Division of Wildlife Resources (DWR) and Kenny Johnson, Admin Chief, DWR, commented on the accountable budget process, the division's ongoing efforts, and funding.

8. Agency Plans/Updates for Implementation of Large Building Blocks

Lacey Moore presented the agency plans/update for implementation of large building blocks.

[8\) Implementation Updates for Large Building Blocks from the 2022 and 2023 General Sessions](#)

9. Division of Outdoor Recreation Operations

Jason Curry, Director, Division of Outdoor Recreation, made a presentation.

[9\) Division of Outdoor Recreation Presentation](#)

10. Office of the Great Salt Lake Commissioner

Brian Steed, Commissioner, Great Salt Lake Commission, presented made a presentation.

Chair Sandall asked about the current state of the Great Salt Lake's (GSL) conditions and if the program from 2022 is still in place. Brian Steed responded to the questions.

Rep. Owens asked a follow up question about the rise in water levels in different locations of the GSL and biological viability in the north arm of the GSL. Brian Steed responded to the questions.

Chair Sandall and Brian Steed commented on the viability of the GSL.

11. Other Business

12. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 10:57 A.M.

Chair Sandall adjourned the meeting at 10:57 A.M.