



MINUTES

ORGANIZED CRIME SUBCOMMITTEE

Monday, June 17, 2024 | 10:00 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Rep. Ryan D. Wilcox, Chair
Sen. Keith Grover
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn
Rep. Trevor Lee
Rep. Calvin R. Musselman
Rep. Andrew Stoddard

Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Jefferson S. Burton

Staff Present:

John Feinauer, Managing Policy Analyst
Lacey Johnson, Policy Analyst
Shad Larson, Associate General Counsel
Taylor Calabrese, Administrative Assistant

Members Absent:

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

Chair Wilcox called the meeting to order at 10:09 a.m.

1. Committee Business

Chair Wilcox provided an introduction to the subcommittee.

2. Border Security Updates

Celeste Maloy, United States Representative, and Ryan Arbon, Sheriff, Weber County, presented on the impact that border security has on organized crime in Utah.

The subcommittee discussed the presentation.

3. South American Theft Groups Impact in Utah

[3a - AG's Office Domestic and International Theft Groups Presentation](#)

Nate Mutter, Deputy Chief of Investigation, and James Russell, Supervising Special Agent, Utah Attorney General's Office, presented on domestic and international theft groups in Utah.

The subcommittee discussed the presentation.

4. Human Trafficking in Utah

[4a - AG's Office Human Trafficking Trends and Data Presentation](#)

Nate Mutter presented on human trafficking trends and data in Utah.

Nate Mutter responded to questions from the subcommittee.

5. Juvenile Involvement in Gangs

[5a - Salt Lake Area Gang Project and Metro Gang Unit Presentation](#)

Brittany Karzen, Communications Director, Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office, and Dustin Fowler, Lieutenant and Director, Salt Lake Area Gang Project, presented on the Metro Gang Unit.

Ben Sullivan, Detective, and Jerry Valdez, Detective, Metro Gang Unit, presented on juvenile involvement in gangs and policy considerations for the issue.

Dustin Fowler, Ben Sullivan, and Jerry Valdez responded to questions from the subcommittee.

6. Prosecuting Gangs and Other Crime

MOTION: Rep. Gwynn moved to close the meeting to discuss investigative proceedings regarding current allegations of criminal misconduct. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 6

Sen. K. Grover
Rep. M. Gwynn
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Sen. K. Cullimore

Chair Wilcox closed the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Musselman moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 5

Sen. K. Grover
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. C. Musselman
Rep. A. Stoddard
Rep. R. Wilcox

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. J. Burton
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. M. Gwynn

Chair Wilcox adjourned the meeting at 12:33 p.m.