

Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Privatization Policy Board
Tuesday May 11, 2004 10:00 a.m.
Room 3150 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendees:

Ramona Rudert, Representative Loraine Pace, Jim Kesler, Bill Barton, Representative Brent Goodfellow, Senator Dan Eastman, Ted Boyer, Douglas Richins

Excused:

Scott Carver, Commissioner Michael J. Cragun, Tanya Henrie

Absent:

Norm Tarbox, Douglas Durbano, Liz Hawkins, Senator Ron Allen,

Approval of Minutes:

The meeting was conducted by board chair, Ramona Rudert. Following a motion by Rep. Goodfellow, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Quorum Voting and Dates of Scheduled Meetings

There was a discussion on how the Board could conduct business during meetings when a full Quorum was not present. Several suggestions were made. However, after reviewing the statute (63-55a-2(3)(c) it was determined that the statute specifies the number of board members (eight) required for conducting the board's business. Any change in the number of members required for conducting business of the board would require a change in statute. Ramona Rudert has recently contacted the board members who have not been able to attend. All expressed interest in remaining on the board, but cited conflicts with the scheduled meeting day and time as the reason for not attending. It appears that moving the meetings to the 4th Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am will be the best for the majority. The board agreed to schedule future meetings accordingly. The board also decided to not schedule a meeting for July. It was noted that the term of service ends in July for Norm Tarbox, Doug Durbano, Liz Hawkins, Ramona Rudert and Loraine Pace. It was noted that members continue to serve until replacements are appointed, where applicable. Mr. Richins was asked to contact Nancy Brown in the Governor's Office to ask about reappointments and/or new appointments to the board.

Press Release

A draft of a press release announcing the change in board leadership and informing the public of the role of the board was reviewed. With a few changes suggested by the group, it will be sent out to major media outlets and business groups. Mr. Richins will coordinate this with the Governor's office, if necessary. Ms. Rudert indicated that she would send it to the chambers of commerce and business groups.

UTOPIA

There was a healthy discussion on whether the board should formally consider unfair governmental competition issue surrounding UTOPIA. It was the consensus that this issue, including the aspect of

unfair governmental competition, had been appropriately and extensively debated by the legislature. The board is interested in tracking the issue, however.

Other Issues

- Forwarded to the next agenda is a discussion of catering services at state venues. This was an item placed on the agenda at the request of Senator Allen.
- A concern was raised about unfair competition from the Moran Eye Center at the University of Utah who is now manufacturing eye glasses. The board agreed to place this topic on the agenda for the next meeting and invite representatives from the eye glass manufacturing industry (Knighton Optical), who raised the concern together with representatives from the Moran Eye Center. Ramona Rudert will make the invitations.
- Senator Eastman raised an issue with public entities, such as Eaglewood Golf Course, competing with private sector wedding and catering services.

June 2004 Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd at 10:00 am.