

Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Privatization Policy Board
Wednesday December 22, 2004 10:00 a.m.
Room 3150 State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendees:

Ramona Rudert, Steve Wrigley, Commissioner Michael Cragun, Senator Ron Allen, Tanya Henrie, Bill Barton, Jim Kesler, Douglas Richins

Excused:

Ted Boyer

Absent:

Robin Riggs, Senator Dan Eastman, Norm Tarbox

Visitors

Senator Scott Jenkins, Jan Rogerson

Approval of Minutes:

Ramona Rudert, Chair, conducted the meeting. Jim Kesler motioned for approval of the November minutes and Tanya Henrie seconded that motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Presentation by Senator Scott Jenkins – Proposed Legislation Regarding Privatization

Senator Jenkins met with the board to continue the discussion that began in the November meeting (refer to the minutes of the November 24, 2005 Privatization Policy Board Meeting). To address what he believed may have been unfair competition by public golf courses. He originally contemplated proposing legislation allowing private golf courses to have an agricultural green belt exemption by changing the definition in statute to allow golf courses to be considered agricultural because they have more than five acres. Subsequently he has learned that such an effort would not be constitutional, and therefore will not be proceeding with that legislation.

Senator Ron Allen made a motion that the legislature be encouraged to adopt a “Truth in Competition” concept. The concept was that prior to entering a business that might compete with the private sector (ie. golf courses, recreation centers, etc.) the respective government would provide a “Truth in Competition” notice to potentially affected businesses, and possibly hold a public hearing before proceeding. Mr. Kesler seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Other Business

Members leaving the board are: Representative Loraine Pace, Douglas Durbano, Elizabeth Hawkins, Bill Barton and Scott Carver. Reappointed to a new term on the board are: Norm Tarbox, Ramona Rudert and Senator Dan Eastman. The new members will be Representative Fred Hunsaker, Greta Spendlove, Robin Riggs, Steve Wrigley, and Steven Dickson. Bill Barton was asked to stay on the Annual Report Committee until the report was submitted and responses were received. The board decided not to hold a meeting during the 2005 legislative session.

High Speed Copy Services

At the request of the executive director of the Department of Administrative Services, Mr. Richins requested that the board evaluate whether a function in the Division of Purchasing and General Services could be more effectively and efficiently provided by the private sector. Within the Division of Purchasing and General Services there is a Publishing Services program that operates several high speed copying centers. Several years ago the State privatized its printing services but retained high speed copying centers. Mr. Rogerson (the assistant director of General Services) and Mr. Richins have been analyzing whether that aspect and believe this area has a potential for privatization. They also thought it would be an area that might be productive if the Privatization Policy Board would like to assign a sub committee to look at this issue. Currently the copy centers are operating in a deficit financial position. The outsourcing of this function would displace 13 employees. Tanya Henrie was asked to chair this sub committee. Mr. Rogerson, Mr. Kesler and Mr. Wrigley were also asked to be on this sub committee. The subcommittee will report back on its findings at the next board meeting.

Annual Report

After discussion, and refinement, Mr. Barton made a motion to accept the proposed annual report. Senator Allen seconded that motion and it was unanimously approved. Mr. Richins was directed to release the report to Governor Walker and the current legislative leadership, and then to the new governor and legislative leadership and after the inauguration.

March 2005 Meeting

The next meeting will be held on March 23, 2005