

Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Privatization Policy Board
Wednesday April 25, 2007 10:00 a.m.
Room 3150, State Office Building
Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendees

Senator Brent Goodfellow, Senator Chris Butters, Ted Boyer, Jim Kesler, Tanya Henrie, Gretta Spendlove, Steven Dickson, Steve Wrigley, Douglas Richins

Excused

Representative Fred Hunsaker

Absent

Norm Tarbox, Robin Riggs

Visitors

Leif Elder – Research and General Council

Welcome and Introductions

Senator Goodfellow, Chair conducted the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

Tanya Henrie motioned for approval of the minutes of the meeting held March 28, 2007. Gretta Spendlove seconded that motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Leif Elder – Office of Legislative Research and General Council

Information on the Legislative Government Competition and Privatization Sub-Committee

At the chair's request, Leif Elder who staffs the recently authorized Legislative Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee came to the board meeting and provided information about the subcommittee. He passed out a letter dated 17 April 2007 (copy attached) defining the proposed study area for the subcommittee. Mr. Elder said that the request to establish the subcommittee was made to the Legislative Management Committee by the Business & Labor Interim Committee and the Revenue and Taxation Interim Committee. The board members suggested to Mr. Elder that the subcommittee may want to survey the agencies to learn of the areas that are currently privatized. Senator Goodfellow suggested that "This is the Place Foundation" and the "Fairpark" are two areas that the state privatized in the past that should be evaluated to see if those functions should be brought back under state management. The board members also asked Mr. Elder to communicate to the subcommittee that the Privatization Policy Board is open to suggested items that the subcommittee would like the board to evaluate. Senator Goodfellow is an appointed member of the subcommittee and will take the message to the subcommittee that the board is open and willing to work closely with them and assist in any way. Mr. Elder will communicate the schedule for the subcommittee meetings to Mr. Richins who will inform the board members. Senator Butters suggested that the board attend the first legislative subcommittee meeting.

Prioritization of Issues and Agencies to Evaluate

Mrs. Spendlove suggested we create a report of documenting what is current privatized in state agencies, if the Legislative subcommittee doesn't. Mr. Richins indicated that many years ago the board surveyed agencies and created that type of report. It was decided to invite agencies to meet with the board and report on their successes and failures with privatization. It was decided that as agencies meet with the board they should be prepared to respond to the following areas:

1. What has been privatized in this agency?
2. Are there any potential areas for privatization you are looking at in the future?
3. What have their counterparts in other states privatized that Utah hasn't tried?
4. What has the agency tried to privatize that didn't work.

Following discussion the board decided to review the following agencies/issues in future meetings:

Agencies / Issues to Review in Future Meetings

1. Division of State Parks & Recreation
2. Water Operations (Secondary and Wastewater) (from Senator Buttars)
3. State Fair Park
4. UDOT – General Overview
5. Reception Centers
6. Dept. of Workforce Services
7. Public Safety
8. Attorney General's Office
9. Department of Technology
10. Department of Human Services
11. Utah Transit Authority
12. Division of Motor Vehicles

The State Hospital and Criminal Justice (Department of Corrections) were also placed on the list to evaluate but were put on hold because the board to see what the Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee do with them.

May Meeting

The next meeting will be held on May 23, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. It was decided to invite Mary Tullius the Director of the Division of Parks and Recreation come to this meeting.



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April 17, 2007

President John L. Valentine
Speaker Greg J. Curtis
Legislative Management Committee
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, Utah

Gentlemen:

This letter is in response to the Legislative Management Committee's request at its March 27 meeting that the chairs of the Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee develop a proposed study outline for the 2007 interim. As chairs, we propose the Government Competition and Privatization Subcommittee study:

- **Governing Public Policies:** establishing legislative policies that could govern unfair competition by government with the private sector and privatization
- **Evaluation Procedures:** evaluating the functions and authority of the Privatization Policy Board to see how they might be modified to create a more effective procedure to implement the policies governing government competition with the private sector and privatization
- **Policy Implementation Issues:** applying potential policies and procedures to certain areas of business such as reception or conference centers

As time permits, the Subcommittee may also examine concerns of interest groups, how other states have addressed government competition with the private sector and privatization, and potential privatization proposals.

Thank you for your consideration of this proposed study outline. Please contact us if you have any questions about our study priorities.

Sincerely,

Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Senate Chair

Rep. Craig A. Frank
House Chair

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