

Meeting Minutes
Utah State Privatization Policy Board

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 10:00 a.m. State Capitol, Room 450 Salt Lake City, Utah

Attendees

Randy Simmons, Curtis McCarthy, James Kesler, David Osborn, Diana Harvey, Robin Riggs, Sherrie Hayashi, Manuel Torres, Kerry Casaday, Gary Nielsen, Kent Beers, Nancy Orton, Chris Bruhn, Paul Tonks

Excused

Steve Densley, Kim Jones, Representative Hunsaker, Howard Stephenson, Brent Goodfellow

Visitors

Jill Flygare, Todd Losser, Jackie Evans, Clint Ensign, Ryan York, Jodi Hart, Gary Thorup

Welcome and Introductions and Approval of Minutes

Randy Simmons, Chair conducted the meeting. Kerry Casaday moved to approve the minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting. Curtis McCarthy seconded. The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes.

Discuss, Revise and Approve a Statement from the Privatization Policy Board to Speaker Lockhart and President Waddoups Regarding the Public Consulting Group's Study, "Feasibility Study on the Privatization of Portions of the Utah State Hospital and the Utah State Development Center"

- Robin Riggs made a motion to approve the draft statement, to add Curtis McCarthy's memo and to send it to President Waddoups and Speaker Lockhart. Sherri Hayashi seconded his motion and it was unanimously approved.

Report of USU Studies of Privatization Option for Parks, DABC, and UDOT

- Ryan Young from the Huntsman School of Business presented the board with a handout and gave a presentation on Privatization Proposals for Parks, DABC & UDOT.
- Randy Simmons asked if the board should do anything with reports of this sort.
- Curtis McCarthy thought it would be good to contact UDOT and suggest privatization of sign reflectivity
- Robyn Riggs feels that it would be good to make suggestions to the legislature from time to time.

Presentation from Clint Ensign Regarding a Proposal to Build a Government Funded and Operated Convention Hotel in the Salt Lake Area

- Clint Ensign presented the board with a handout titled "Comments on Government Sponsorship of a Convention Center Hotel in Salt Lake"
- The Salt Lake Convention Visitors Bureau has indicated that they believe they could drastically increase the number of convention visitors to Salt Lake City if they had a 1000 room convention hotel located next to the Salt Palace. They feel it would also help business with the other hotels.
- The study showed exiting hotels in other states were hurt and had negative growth. Hotel owners in Salt Lake feel it would be harmful to them if the government stepped in and built a convention hotel.
- Hotel owners would like to see government continue to encourage private investment in hotels.

Update from Chris Bruhn on the Status of the Survey of State Agencies

- Due to legislative session Chris has not been able to meet with as many agencies as he would like to.
- Department of Corrections had planned on being to this meeting. The PIO at the County Jail gave Chris a very negative response and said they wanted nothing to do with privatization and would not schedule a meeting. Corrections will be at the next meeting.
- Chris is giving each agency two months to get back to him. He will be inviting 4 agencies at a time. Two agencies per meeting. This will give him time to meet with them and go over any analysis.

Next Meeting

February 23, 2011 at 10:00 at the State Archives Building, 346 South Rio Grande