



# MINUTES

## POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

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LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, June 14, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 110 Senate Building

### Members Present:

Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Sen. Chris H. Wilson  
Rep. Gay Lynn Bennion  
Rep. Paul A. Cutler  
Rep. Brett Garner  
Rep. Matthew H. Gwynn  
Rep. Michael L. Kohler  
Rep. Jason B. Kyle  
Rep. Trevor Lee  
Rep. Casey Snider

Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Neil Walter

### Members Absent:

Sen. Michael K. McKell, Chair  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. Stephanie Pitcher

### Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst  
Robert H. Rees, Associate General Counsel  
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Rep. Dunnigan assumed the chair.

Chair Dunnigan called the meeting to order at 8:45 a.m.

## 1. Draft Legislation: Tax Increment Financing

### [2.1 Draft Legislation: Tax Increment Financing](#)

Chair Dunnigan introduced Tax Increment Financing.

### [2.2 2022 Performance Audit of Tax Increment Financing](#)

Nicole Luscher, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented on Tax Increment Financing and answered questions from the committee.

Bob Reese, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, introduced the Tax Increment Financing draft legislation and answered questions from the committee.

Nicole Luscher responded to Rep. Walter's question.

Additional committee questions.

Chair Dunnigan opened up the committee for public comment.

Danny Waltz, Utah Redevelopment Association, spoke in favor of the legislation and addressed the committee regarding the source of funds.

Rusty Cannon, Chair, Utah Taxpayers Association, spoke in favor of the legislation.

Danny Waltz answered clarifying questions regarding proposed changes to the legislation.

## 2. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Kyle motioned to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

- Rep. G. Bennion
- Rep. P. Cutler
- Rep. J. Dunnigan
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. M. Gwynn
- Rep. M. Kohler
- Rep. J. Kyle
- Rep. T. Lee
- Rep. C. Snider
- Sen. J. Stevenson
- Rep. J. Teuscher
- Rep. R. Walter
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. W. Harper
- Sen. M. McKell
- Sen. S. Pitcher

**3. San Juan County Commission Performance Audit**

[3.1 2023-02 Performance Audit of the San Juan County Commission](#)

[3.2 San Juan Commissioner Presentation - Office of the Legislative Auditor General](#)

August Lehman, Office of the Legislative Auditor General, presented the San Juan Commission Performance Audit and answered questions from the committee.

Bruce Adams, Commission Chair, San Juan County Commission, responded to the audit.

Sylvia Stubbs, Commissioner, San Juan County Commission, spoke.

Mr. Adams provided additional comments and suggestions to the committee.

Committee questions.

Bob Reese provided his analysis of the audit report.

Chair Dunnigan opened the committee to public comment.

Kelly Pearson, San Juan County 2012-2019, provided public comment.

Rep. Lyman, provided comment.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kyle motioned to open a committee bill file to address the issues in the San Juan County Audit regarding the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Discussion to the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 12

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. T. Lee  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Rep. C. Snider

**4. Draft Legislation: Tax Increment Financing**

Bob Reese addressed the committee regarding amendments to the legislation per Danny Waltz's suggestions.

Committee comments.

**MOTION:** Rep. Walter motioned to adopt the Tax Increment Financing draft legislation, as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 11

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Sen. W. Harper  
Rep. T. Lee  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Pitcher  
Rep. C. Snider

**5. Metro Townships**

Rep. Teuscher introduced the Metro Townships study item.

Bob Reese provided a background for the agenda item.

Nathan Brady, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, provided a brief summary on Metro Townships.

[4.1 Joint Letter to Political Subdivisions Interim Committee Chairs Re: Conversion of Metro Townships to Cities and Towns](#)

Rep. Teuscher continued and answered questions from the committee.

Sean Clayton, Mayor Copperton, expressed support.

Cory Holdaway, Magna Township, expressed support.

Paul Ashton, Legal Counsel for Magna City, expressed support.

Rep. Teuscher made closing comments.

**MOTION:** Rep. Walter motioned to open a committee bill file to address the Metro Township issues as discussed.

Discussion to the motion.

The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Rep. G. Bennion  
Rep. P. Cutler  
Rep. J. Dunnigan  
Rep. B. Garner  
Rep. M. Gwynn  
Rep. M. Kohler  
Rep. J. Kyle  
Rep. T. Lee  
Rep. C. Snider  
Sen. J. Stevenson  
Rep. J. Teuscher  
Rep. R. Walter  
Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. M. McKell  
Sen. S. Pitcher

**6. Growth in Public Treasurer's Investment Fund**

[5.1 Public Treasurer's Investment Fund Presentation - Rep. Walter](#)

Rep. Walter presented on the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund Disclosure Recommendations

Committee questions.

Rep. Walter gave concluding remarks.

**7. General Aviation Long-term Leases**

[6.1 General Aviation Summary](#)

[6.2 Ogden City Title 8 Revisions](#)

[6.3 Federal Grant Assurances](#)

Rep. Katy Hall presented on General Aviation Long-term Leases.

Jill Kofford, presented.

Rep. Kera Birkeland presented.

Nathan Brady presented.

Rep. Hall continued.

Gary Williams, Ogden City Attorney, spoke and answered questions from the committee.

Cameron Deal, League of Cities and Towns, commented.

Closing remarks from Rep. Hall.

**8. Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Kyle motioned to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

- Rep. G. Bennion
- Rep. P. Cutler
- Rep. J. Dunnigan
- Rep. B. Garner
- Rep. M. Gwynn
- Rep. M. Kohler
- Rep. J. Kyle
- Rep. T. Lee
- Rep. C. Snider
- Sen. J. Stevenson
- Rep. J. Teuscher
- Rep. R. Walter
- Sen. C. Wilson

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

- Sen. W. Harper
- Sen. M. McKell
- Sen. S. Pitcher

Chair Dunnigan adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.