



DRAFT MINUTES

RETIREMENT AND INDEPENDENT ENTITIES INTERIM COMMITTEE

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 | 9:00 a.m. | 210 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Senate Chair
Rep. Cheryl K. Acton, House Chair
Sen. Kirk A. Cullimore
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Todd Weiler
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson
Rep. Jennifer Dailey-Provost
Rep. Norman K Thurston

Members Absent:

Rep. Joseph Elison
Rep. Trevor Lee
Rep. Grant Amjad Miller
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci

Staff Present:

Adam J. Sweet, Deputy Director
Christine R. Gilbert, Deputy General Counsel
RuthAnne Oakey-Frost, Senior Associate
General Counsel
Victoria Firmage, Administrative Assistant
Team Lead

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

1. Independent Entity: Utah Dairy Commission

[1 - Utah Dairy Commission Presentation \(Dairy West\)](#)

David Roberts, Chair, Utah Dairy Commission, and Ann Lokuta, Director of Insights and Innovation, Dairy West, introduced the work the Utah Dairy Commission and Dairy West performs.

Rep. Dailey-Provost asked a question and Ann Lokuta responded. Lacey Papageorge, Manager of Farmer Relations, Dairy West, continued the presentation.

The committee asked questions and provided comments. David Roberts and Rep. Mike Kohler, representing the Utah Dairy Commission, responded.

2. Utah Retirement Systems: Retirement Application Processing and Backlog

[2 - Retirement Application Processing and Backlog Presentation \(Utah Retirement Systems\)](#)

Daniel Anderson, Executive Director, Utah Retirement Systems (URS), presented an update on the retirement application process which was experiencing delays.

The committee asked questions and Daniel Anderson responded.

3. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Dailey-Provost moved to approve the minutes of the June 19, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 10

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. K. Cullimore
Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Rep. J. Elison
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. C. Pierucci

4. Utah Retirement Systems: Financial Status Report

[4 - Financial Status Report Presentation \(URS\)](#)

Daniel Anderson and Dee Larsen, General Counsel, URS, presented the funded status of URS and preliminary contribution rates for the 2026-2027 fiscal year.

Daniel Anderson and Dee Larsen took questions from the committee throughout the presentation.

Chair Harper provided additional information to answer the committee's questions. Daniel Anderson and Dee Larsen continued with the presentation and responded to questions.

5. Utah Retirement Systems: AUREUS Project Overview

[5 - AUREUS Project Overview Presentation \(URS\)](#)

Daniel Anderson presented an update on the AUREUS project which aims to upgrade record keeping systems for retirement plans.

The committee asked questions and Daniel Anderson responded.

6. Committee Bill File Update: Administrative and Technical Modifications to Retirement

Dee Larsen presented the possible retirement provisions that could be included in 2026 General Session draft legislation, "Administrative and Technical Modifications to Retirement."

7. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Christofferson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Acton
Rep. K. Christofferson
Sen. K. Cullimore
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. J. Plumb
Rep. N. Thurston
Sen. T. Weiler

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. J. Dailey-Provost
Rep. J. Elison
Sen. L. Escamilla
Rep. T. Lee
Rep. G. Miller
Rep. C. Pierucci

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.