



LEGISLATURE

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POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, August 19, 2026 | 1:15 p.m. | 220 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Don L. Ipson, Chair
Rep. James A. Dunnigan, Chair
Sen. Nate Blouin
Sen. Emily Buss
Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Sen. Calvin R. Musselman
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Leah Hansen
Rep. Jill Koford
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Verona Mauga

Rep. Tracy J. Miller
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher

Members Absent:

Sen. Chris H. Wilson
Rep. Trevor Lee

Staff Present:

Nathan W. Brady, Policy Analyst
RuthAnne Oakey-Frost, Senior Associate
General Counsel
Steve Schaefermeyer, Associate General
Counsel
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Dunnigan called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 13

Rep. J. Arthur
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. W. Harper
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Wilson

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to open a committee bill file to address the Open and Public Meetings Act.

Discussion to the motion.

Sen. Ipson's motion to open a committee bill file to address the Open and Public Meetings Act passed with a vote of 12 - 1 - 3.

Yeas - 12

Rep. J. Arthur
Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher

Nays - 1

Rep. L. Hansen

Absent - 3

Sen. W. Harper
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Wilson

2. Tax Increment Financing Working Group

Rep. Cal Roberts gave an update on the working group and answered a question from the committee.

Chair Dunnigan opened public comment.

Brandy Grace, Utah Association of Counties, provided public comment and answered questions from the committee.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

3. Public Infrastructure Districts

[3 - PIDs Summary Presentation \(Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel\)](#)

[3 - PIDs Summary Handout \(OLRGC\)](#)

[3 - Memo \(Gilmore&Bell\)](#)

[3 - Legislative Briefing on PIDS \(Division of Finance\)](#)

[3 - PID Executive Briefing \(Division of Finance\)](#)

[3 - PIDs Presentation \(Office of the State Auditor\)](#)

Nathan Brady, Policy Analyst, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented on Public Infrastructure Districts (PIDs) and answered questions from the committee.

Committee discussion.

Van Christensen, Director, Division of Finance, spoke to the committee and answered questions.

Tina Cannon, State Auditor, and Seth Oveson, Deputy State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor, presented and answered questions from the committee.

Randall Larsen, Attorney, and Aaron Wade, Attorney, Gilmore and Bell, P.C., presented and answered questions from the committee.

Chair Ipson assumed the chair.

Chair Dunnigan resumed the chair.

Chair Dunnigan opened public comment.

Jen Brown, constituent, provided public comment.

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum, provided public comment.

Seth Oveson provided clarification to public comment and answered a question from the committee.

Randall Larsen provided clarification.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

4. Other Items/Adjourn

Mr. Brady provided an update on statutorily required reports to the Political Subdivisions Interim Committee.

MOTION: Sen. Harper moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 5.

Yeas - 11

Sen. N. Blouin
Sen. E. Buss
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Rep. L. Hansen
Sen. W. Harper
Sen. D. Ipson
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. M. Kohler
Rep. V. Mauga
Rep. T. Miller
Rep. J. Teuscher

Nays - 0

Absent - 5

Rep. J. Arthur
Rep. T. Lee
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. V. Peterson
Sen. C. Wilson

Chair Dunnigan adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.