



DRAFT MINUTES

POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 21, 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. Calvin R. Musselman
Sen. Chris H. Wilson
Rep. John Arthur
Rep. Leah Hansen
Rep. Jill Koford
Rep. Michael L. Kohler
Rep. Verona Mauga

Rep. Tracy J. Miller

Members Absent:

Sen. Wayne A. Harper
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher

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 1:36 pm.

1. Committee Business

Nathan Brady updated the committee on new reports received.

Chair Dunnigan informed the committee of a new opened committee bill file at the request of Senator Harper that would address making changes to mill levy rates language in Utah Code.

2. Public Treasurer's Investment Fund and State Auditor Report

[2 - Public Treasurer's Investment Fund and State Auditor Report \(Office of the State Auditor\)](#)

Seth Oveson, Deputy State Auditor, Office of the State Auditor, introduced the audit.

Alex Nielson, Data Analytics Manager, Office of the State Auditor, presented the audit on the Public Treasurer's Investment Fund and answered questions from the committee.

3. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.



Yeas - 11

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
Rep. V. Peterson

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. W. Harper
Sen. C. Musselman
Rep. J. Teuscher
Sen. C. Wilson

4. Water Rates

[4 - H.B. 501 "Water Modifications" \(2026 General Session\)](#)

[4 - Water Infrastructure Fees Projects Study \(Utah Rivers Council\)](#)

Shalaine DeBernardi, Deputy Director, Utah Division of Water Resources, introduced water rates and answered questions from the committee.

Zach Frankel, Executive Director, and Alta Fairbourne, Community Water Organizer, Utah Rivers Council, presented.

Danyce Steck, Director, Administrative Services, West Jordan City, spoke to the agenda item.

Aaron Frisk, Water Superintendent, Murray City, spoke to the committee and answered questions from the committee.

Ms. DeBernardi responded to Mr. Frisk's statement.

Chair Dunnigan informed the committee of a letter sent to staff regarding the opposition of continued consideration of 2026 General Session Legislation, H.B. 501 "Water Modifications."

5. Draft Legislation: Open and Public Meetings Modifications

[5 - Draft Legislation "Open and Public Meeting Modifications" \(V10\) \(Drafter: S. Schaefermeyer\)](#)

Steve Schaefermeyer introduced the bill.

Royce Van Tassel, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke to the draft legislation.

Mel Robe, Associate, Foxley and Pignanelli Lawfirm, spoke to the draft legislation.

Katie Miner, Utah Association of Counties, spoke to the draft legislation.

Jared Tingey, Utah League of Cities and Towns, spoke to the draft legislation.

Chair Dunnigan opened public comment.

LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Districts, spoke to the draft legislation.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.



6. Performance Audit: Salt Lake Public Utilities

[6 - Salt Lake City Public Utilities Audit \(Office of the Legislative Auditor General\)](#)

[6 - Salt Lake City Public Utilities Audit Presentation \(Office of the Legislative Auditor General\)](#)

Leah Blevins, Audit Manager, OLAG, introduced the audit and provided clarification.

Morgan Hagey, Strategic Lead Performance Auditor, OLAG, presented the audit.

Laura Briefer, Director, Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities, responded to the audit.

7. Performance Audit: Utah Impact Fees

[7 - Impact Fees Audit Presentation \(OLAG\)](#)

Leah Blevins introduced the audit on Impact Fees.

Matthias Boone, Senior Audit Supervisor, OLAG, presented the audit on Impact Fees and answered questions from the committee.

Chair Ipson assumed the chair.

Chair Ipson opened public comment.

Seth Oveson provided comment.

Chris Gamvroulas, Property Rights Coalition, provided public comment.

Chair Dunnigan resumed the chair.

Chair Dunnigan closed public comment.

8. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 11

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

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. W. Harper
Rep. J. Koford
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. J. Teuscher

Chair Dunnigan adjourned the meeting at 3:30 pm.