

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH STATE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING  
March 6, 2023, 12:00 Noon  
Utah Retirement Office  
Hybrid Meeting**

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**Council Members Participating in Person:**

Mr. Marty Peterson, Chairperson, Professional Firefighters of Utah  
Mr. Brad Hardesty, Utah Association of Retired Public Employees  
Ms. Sheri Nelson, Utah Public Employees' Association  
Mr. Zane Woolstenhulme, Utah Association of School Business Officials

**Council Members Participating via Video Conferencing:**

Ms. Amy Ehresman, Vice Chairperson, Utah School Employees' Association  
Mr. Jamie Davidson, Utah League of Cities and Towns  
Ms. Sandy Gustaveson, Utah Public Employees' Association  
Mr. Rod Hurd, Utah Education Association  
Ms. Tina McMullin, Utah Education Association

**Excused:** Mr. LeGrand Bitter, Utah Association of Special Service Districts  
Sr. Trooper Arlow Hancock, Utah Peace Officers' Association  
Mr. Larry Millward, Utah Retired School Employees' Association  
Judge Kara Pettit, Utah Judicial Council

**Staff Participating in Person:**

Mr. Ryan Ashcraft, Retirement Planning Director  
Mr. Daniel Boster, Defined Contribution Director  
Mr. Mark Cain, Deputy Executive Director  
Mr. Kory Cox, URS Association and Stakeholder Liaison  
Ms. Liza Eves, Senior Associate General Counsel  
Mr. Dee Larsen, General Counsel  
Mr. Chet Loftis, PEHP Director  
Ms. LuAnn Miskin, Executive Assistant  
Ms. Stacey Nielsen, Retirement Benefits Director  
Mr. Kane Ventura-Smith, Retirement Planning Advisor

**Staff Participating via Video Conferencing:**

Mr. Rob Dolphin, Chief Financial Officer  
Mr. James Hammer, Employer Services Director  
Mr. Craig Stone, Defined Contribution Director

**Guests Participating via Video Conferencing:**

Ms. Brandy Grace, Representing Utah Association of Counties  
Ms. Debra Valentine, State Department of Human Resource Management  
Mr. Jason Putman, Professional Firefighters of Utah

## Welcome

Chairperson Marty Peterson called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and welcomed Council members, staff, and guests.

## Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Marty Peterson asked for approval of the February 6, 2023, Membership Council Meeting minutes.

**ACTION:** Ms. Sheri Nelson moved, seconded by Mr. Brad Hardesty, to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2023, Membership Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

## Report from Member Organizations

Chairperson Marty Peterson asked the Council members for a report from their organizations. He reported that they had good firefighter participation at the legislative session this year.

There were no legislative reports from the Council Members.

Mr. Kane Ventura-Smith, Retirement Planning Advisor, who is helping Mr. Kory Cox was introduced. Mr. Craige Stone, Defined Contribution Savings Plans Director, introduced Mr. Daniel Boster as his successor.

## 2023 Legislation Report

Mr. Dee Larsen shared the website to follow the Utah legislative sessions, [le.utah.gov](http://le.utah.gov). There is a tracking service available with an option to sign up for emails.

He and Mr. Kory Cox reviewed the "2023 General Session: Summary of Selected URS-Related Bills" that was distributed to the Council Members prior to the meeting.

- H.B. 41, Utah Retirement Systems Revisions
- S.B. 11, Retirement Fiscal Note Requirements
- S.B. 21, Retirement and Independent Entities Amendments
- S.B. 22, State Employee Benefits Amendments
- S.B. 89, Utah Retirement Amendments
- S.B. 96, Fiduciary Duty Modifications
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. S.B. 96, Fiduciary Duty Modifications
- S.J.R. 4, Joint Rules Resolution – Fiscal Note Deadlines
- S.J.R. 5, Joint Rules Resolution – Budgeting Changes to State Retirement Contributions
- S.B. 221 Public Retirement Withdrawal Amendments
- H.B. 104, Modifications to Public Safety Retirement

- 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. H.B. 104, Modifications to Public Safety Retirement
- H.B. 105 Public Employee Disability Benefits Amendments
- H.B. 183, Firefighter Retirement Revisions
- 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. H.B. 377, Prison Health Care Services Retirement Amendments
- S.C.R. 9 Concurrent Resolution Opposing Efforts to Weaken the Economy or Restrict Energy Supply

Mr. Chet Loftis gave a brief overview of some PEHP healthcare bills.

### **Spring Workshop Overview**

Mr. Kory Cox reviewed two proposed agendas for the April 28, 2023, Spring Workshop agenda.

### **Other Business**

None.

### **Adjournment**

**ACTION:** Mr. Brad Hardesty moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

The next Membership Council Meeting will be the hybrid Spring Workshop on April 28, 2023, at 9 a.m.