



Chair: Frank Heumann Vice-Chair: Marty Peterson Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan Mellor

Minutes of February 25, 2010

Members Present: Steve Ball, Ted Black, Ryan Eckardt, Ross Fowlks, David Larsen, Steve Lutz, Ron Morris, Lincoln Paxman, Marty Peterson, Coy Porter, Greg Rynders, Lynn Schofield, Gaylord Scott, George Sumner, and Jay Westergard

Phone: Scott Adams, Mark Meaker, Jim Rampton, and Robert Stoker

Bureau Staff: Guy Dansie, and Jenny Allred

Excused: Eldon Farnsworth, Ryan Mellor, and Jim Judd

1. Call to Order:

a. Roll Call and Contact List Update

Frank Heumann welcomed those present and called the meeting to order. He asked everyone to sign the roll and update the contact list.

2. Consent Agenda:

a. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Frank Heumann asked for a motion for the approval of the last meeting minutes.

Lynn Schofield made a motion to approve the minutes of February 18, 2010. Ryan Eckardt seconded the motion and voting was approved by all. There were no abstentions or negative votes.

3. Old Business:

a. Nothing reported.

1. New Business:

a. Utah Retirement System Updates

Marty Peterson reported that S.B. 43 Retirement Employment Amendments and S.B. 63 New Public Employees' Tier II Contributory Retirement Act passed out of the House Committee on party lines. Marty met with Senator Liljenquist and Representative Brad Dee to discuss the bills and the fiscal notes. The concern with S.B. 43 is the 1.37 percent increased contribution for Firefighters Retirement System. Senator Liljenquist recommendation was firefighters negotiate with their employers

to ensure they will pay the 1.37 percent increase. Jim Judd invited firefighters to attend the discussion on S.B. 63 and S.B. 43 at the State Capital, House Chambers at 10:30 p.m. Firefighters are to wear house uniform.

Marty Peterson discussed the following bills.

- H.B. 233 Retirement Office Amendments – Sponsor: Don L. Ipson – **Watch**
 - S. B. 42 Retirement Eligibility Modifications – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**
 - S.B. 43 Post- Retirement Employment Amendments – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**
 - S.B. 63 New Public Employees’ Tier II Contributory Retirement Act – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**
 - S.B. 94 Supplemental Benefit Amendments For Noncontributory Public Employees – Sponsor: Daniel R. Liljenquist – **Watch**
- Marty Peterson reported that this bill was circled.

- b. Legislative Watch List (refer to the list on the following website: www.firecouncil.com).

The Joint Fire Council discussed the following bills:

- H.B. 45 State Construction Code Adoption Sponsor: – Sponsor: Michael T. Morley – **Support**
This bill was enrolled.
- H.B. 113 Child Restraint Device Amendments – Sponsor: Christopher N. Herrod – **Oppose**
- H.B. 121 Sub 1 Emergency Medical Services Act Transport Amendments – Sponsor: Gregory H. Hughes – **Watch**
Ryan Echardt made a motion to change the position status on H.B. 121 from watch to oppose as written. Lynn Schofield seconded the motion. There were no abstentions or negative votes.
- H.B. 173 Sub 1 911 Amendments – Sponsor: Brad L. Lee – **Watch**
This bill is in the Senate standing committee.
- H.B. 183 Construction and Fire Code Related Amendments – Sponsor: Michael T. Morley – **Watch**
This bill had a favorable recommendation from the Senate committee.
- H.B. 201 State Fire Marshal Modifications – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove – **Support**
Ron Morris report that this bill is on the Senate third reading calendar. He has a meeting with Senator Bramble to discuss amendments to the bill. Senator Madson has concerns about the distributor language.
- H.B. 202 Fireworks Amendments – Sponsor: Ronda Rudd Menlove – **Support**
Ron Morris reported that this bill passed the Senate committee on the second reading calendar.
- H.B. 253 Transfer Of The Bureau of Emergency Medical Services From The Department of Health To The Department Of Public Safety – Sponsor: Paul Ray – **Watch**
This bill is in the House standing committee.
- H.B. 308 State Fire Code Adoption – Sponsor: Todd E. Kiser – **Watch**
This bill is in the Senate standing committee and should pass.

- H.B. 356 Emergency Medical Services Amendments – Sponsor: Paul Ray – **Watch**
This bill is still a Box Car.
- S.B. 113 Wireless Telephone Use Restriction For Minors In Vehicles – Sponsor: Ross I. Romero – **Support**
This bill passed and sent to the House.
- S.B. 178 Utah Emergency Medical Services System Act Amendments – Sponsor: Dennis E. Stowell – **Watch**
Guy Dansie reported this bill is in the Senate committee with a favorable recommendation.

Brian Garrett contacted Frank Heumann asking for support of H.B. 139 Emergency and Disaster Amendments sponsored by Curtis Oda. This bill amends the Disaster Recovery Funding Act, the Disaster Response and Recovery Act, and related provisions to address the expenditure of monies relating to a declared disaster, the governor's powers during a state of emergency, and related reporting requirements to the Legislative Management Committee or the Executive Appropriations Committee. Frank will add this bill to the watch list and Fire Caucus training meeting.

Frank Heumann discussed S.B. 172 Local District Taxing Authority Amendments sponsored by Senator Curtis Bramble. This bill amends provisions relating to the taxing authority of local districts. This bill: defines terms; prohibits local districts that do not have elected boards from levying and collecting a property tax in certain circumstances; amends provisions relating to a metropolitan water district board of trustees; prohibits, with certain exceptions, a metropolitan water district board of trustees from collecting a property tax; amends provisions relating to a water conservancy district board of trustees; prohibits, with certain exceptions, a water conservancy district board of trustees from collecting a property tax; and makes technical corrections.

c. Other

Greg Rynders gave a brief overview of the Fire Caucus Planning Meeting. The Fire Caucus Luncheon will be on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. at the State Capital. Firefighters are to there at 10:30 a.m. wear house uniform. Coy Porter will develop and print “Bullet Points” on bills. There will be a Fire Caucus Planning Meeting following this meeting.

5. Board Member and District Representative Reports:

- Chair – Frank Heumann had nothing more to discuss.
- Vice-Chair – Marty Peterson explained information for retirees. Last year was the largest increase in the CPI in fifteen years. There is a negative increase in CPI for this year. Therefore, there will be no cost of living increase for retirees.
Marty announced that the Pension Membership Council Spring Retreat would be on May 21, 2010, 9:00 a.m., the Utah Retirement System, 540 East 200 South, SLC.
- Treasurer – Nothing to report.

- d. District Representatives – Jay Westergard asked for clarification for the next meeting dates.

We will meet on the following dates:

- March 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125
- March 11, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 101
- March 18, 2010 meeting location to be determined

6. Good of the Order:

- a. Nothing to report.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2010, 9:00 a.m., Cannon Health Building, Conference Room 125.