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# Utah Quality Growth Commission

Flint Richards, Chair JT Martin, Vice Chair John Bennett, Executive Director

MEETING MINUTES Wednesday, March 24, 2010 Suite 140, Utah State Capitol Building Salt Lake City, UT 84114

# **Commissioners Present**

Larry Ellertson, acting Chairman Reid Erickson Mike Kohler JT Martin, Vice Chairman, By Phone Flint Richard, Chairman, Electronically Leonard Blackham Mike Kohler, By Phone Dave Mansell Brent Tanner, Electronically Justin Allen, Electronically

### **Staff Present**

John Bennett

#### **Visitors Present**

LaNiece Davenport, Wasatch Front Regional Council

1. Welcome and Introductions,

Larry Ellertson, Acting Chair

Those present introduced themselves.

2. Public Comments,

Larry Ellertson, Acting Chair

Acting Chairman Larry Ellertson asked Ms. Davenport if she had any comments. Ms. Davenport declined to comment.

3. Approve Minutes from February 2010 Meeting minutes,

Mr. Bennett indicated that the minutes were not ready. He will have them available to be approved at the next meeting.

Larry Ellertson, Acting Chair

 LeRay McAllister Program Issues. Review Application Materials For 13<sup>th</sup> Round John Bennett, 30 Minutes

### ACTION ITEM: Act on LeRay McAllister Fund issues

Mr. Bennett shared the proposed application materials and schedules with the Commission. They reviewed the documents and made some changes. It was moved and seconded to approve the application documents and schedule as amended. The vote was unanimous with ten members voting in the affirmative

5. Bylaws Revisions John Bennett, 15 Minutes Some members have requested that the quorum requirements be amended to ensure that a quorum is present more often. The commission will consider amending the bylaws to change the quorum requirements.

# ACTION ITEM: Act on proposed changes to bylaws regarding what constitutes a quorum

Mr. Bennett explained that he had been instructed to place a proposal to change the bylaws as they relate to what constitutes a quorum on the agenda for this meeting. He indicated that there has been some difficulty getting nine members to attend any given meeting, and many members felt that a change to seven members constituting a quorum would make doing Commission business easier. A Motion was made to change the bylaws to allow seven members to constitute a quorum. Approving any action would also require seven votes. But, to change the bylaws would continue to require nine votes.

Commissioners present discussed keeping the higher threshold for appropriations but those present felt that seven votes to pass something was a high threshold, and that it was consistent with the way cities and counties make appropriations.

The members present felt like it was important to have a higher threshold for changing the bylaws which constitute the framework for how the commission works. This motion was approved nine to one, with Commissioner Tanner Voting no.

6. Meeting time and date Revisions, John Bennett, 30 Minutes At the last meeting, the commission discussed changing the day and time of the regularly scheduled meeting of the Commission. A proposal will be made to change the day and time of the regular meeting.

# ACTION ITEM: Act on proposed changes to the day and time of the regularly scheduled commission meeting.

Mr. Bennett indicated that at the Commission's request, he had polled Commission members about their date and time preferences. The majority of Commissioners preferred to hold the meeting on the Fourth Thursday of each month rather than the Fourth Wednesday. Commissioners discussed a time that would work for the Commission meeting. The issue was that they wanted to be early enough to be done by lunch time, but late enough to allow members traveling long distances to arrive on time. It was moved and seconded that the bylaws be amended to reflect that the regular meetings of the Commission would be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 10:30 AM. It was further moved that the Commission cancel the July 2010 meeting for summer vacations, and the November and December meetings as well. And that the November and December meetings be replaced by a year end meeting to be held on December 8, 2010 at 1:00 PM

This motion carried unanimously, with Commissioners Richards, Allen, and Tanner voting electronically.

- 7. Discuss Legislation of interest to the commission John Bennett, 10 Minutes
- 8. Administrative Matters: Next meeting scheduled for April 22, 2010, Location: State Capitol Room 140