

MINUTES OF PUBLIC POLICY FORUM  
October 22, 2015 – 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.  
Co-chair Mark McBride  
Held at UTC Offices

Those in attendance were Vance Checketts of EMC, Mark McBride of LANDESK, Angie Welling of Google, Jack Walkenhorst of All West Communications, Steve Mac of ANKRD, Helen Hu of Westminster College (on phone), Stan Klemetson of UVU, Marilyn Davies, UofU College of Engineering, Al Landon from the Eccles School of Business, Ross Whitaker of UofU College of Computing, Ben Hart of GOED, Laurel Price of Rep. Mia Love's office, Jennifer Scott of Rep. Chaffetz's office, Dave Copeland and Susan Koehn of Seago Strategies, Jeff Rogers of Paul Rogers and Associates, Judy Young and Richard Nelson of the Utah Technology Council, Marlo Oaks of First Robotics, Ivan DuBois, and Dan Tracy of Mind Research. Mark McBride conducted the meeting.

Marilyn Davies moved and the motion was seconded to approve the minutes as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Helen Hu asked if the credits and credentialing people at the UofU could have the issue of computer science accepted as a science for admission resolved by the end of the year.

Richard mentioned that there were 17 out of 450 attendees at the D.C. Close IT Summit from Utah.

Ben Hart next reported on the Governor's 2016 Legislative priorities relating to the tech industry. First would be the IT Jobs Innovation Initiative for \$5M one time which would be in lieu of but complimentary to the Engineering Initiative this year. They are looking for feedback on what it should be used for – would like to see the money flow differently around the state. Would like to make a difference short term with something unique. It would be a grant application process with an advisory board overseeing disbursement.

Next would be \$6.6M for Custom-Fit Funding. UTC will work with Custom Fit on language. It was suggested to look at Xactware/MATC and how they structured their training.

Funding for STEM Action Center - \$14M – maintain digital math. ACTION: It was suggested to have an independent evaluator of the STEM Action Center command meet with us at the next meeting.

Utahfutures.org – it was suggested to privatize as a clearinghouse for skillsets, training and development for employers.

It was suggested to do a paid internship for IT in Utah partnering with K-12 system similar to the Aerospace Pathway.

Marlo Oaks, Chairman of Executive Advisory Board for FIRST Robotics, asked how to make funding of the FIRST Utah Robotics program a funding priority of the Governor – \$100,000 – for the Regional high school competition held each March.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is scheduled for December 11, 2015 at the UTC offices.