

MINUTES OF UTC PUBLIC POLICY FORUM

February 17, 2017 3:00 p.m.

Co-chairs Dan Lloyd and Mark McBride

Held at State Capitol

Those in attendance: Dan Lloyd inContact, Tara Thue, AT&T; Dan Stevenson, DOMO; Brock Lyle, Overstock.com; Mark Griffin, Overstock.com; Matt Kingdon, Ciber; Gary Thorup, eBay/Durham Jones & Pinegar; Steve Mac, HireUtah; Michelle Scharf, Unspam Technologies; Andrew Baca, TraskBritt; Tami Goetz, STEM Action Center; Ron White, HAAU; Brent Petersen, STEM Action Center; Helen Hu, Westminster College; Marilyn Davies, UofU College of Engineering; Abraham Teng, Utah Valley University; David Ferro, Weber State University; Stacy Deru, Opus Strategy Group; Jack Sunderlage, JW Sunderlage & Associates; Brent Lorimer, Workman Nydegger; Ross Whitaker, UofU School of Computing; Paul Rogers, Paul Rogers & Associates; Stan Lockhart, Paul Rogers & Associates; Ross Romero, Michael Best Strategies; Ben Hart, GOED; John Stringham, Workman Nydegger; and Richard Nelson and Jonathan Jackson of UTC

Welcome and Brief Introductions – Richard Nelson

Minutes – Dan Lloyd

The motion was made to approve the minutes from February 10, 2017. The motion passed unanimously.

Facilitation of Meeting – Dan Lloyd

Discussion:

Update on TECNA DC Fly-in Feb 14-16 – Richard Nelson

- Innovation Agenda for the 115th Congress
 - Sen. Hatch rolled out Innovation Agenda on Feb. 16, 2017, which was attended by UTC and TECNA leaders throughout the country.
- Senator Orrin Hatch
 - Working on three major reforms pertaining to taxes, the Affordable Care Act, and trade.
- Congressman Chris Stewart (CyberUSA – Security Threats)
 - An effort to create technology to monitor live cyber security threats.
 - We don't know how far behind we are when it comes to cyber security.
- Congressman Jason Chaffetz (EB Visas – Fairness in Immigration Act)
 - Passed U.S House of Representatives with 390 votes.
 - EB Visas will now be another discussion item.
- Senator Mike Lee (Senate Procedures)

SB190 Education Computing Partnership [*UTC High Priority Support*]

- No longer Education Computing Pathways; now Education Computing Partnership.
- Focus of bill is K-12 education. The language in the bill is broad, that is intentional.
- There was a very strong showing representing industry.
- Passed unanimously in the Senate Education Committee.
- Originally \$1.2 million in one-time funding; bill sponsors now support \$1.31 million in ongoing support.

HB81 Non-Compete Agreements [UTC Oppose]

- UTC continues to facilitate discussion on both sides of issue, and before taking a position will review the results of an industry survey which it is anticipated will be released on Feb.24th.
- Bill was defeated in a House floor vote 22-49 against the bill on Feb. 17th.
- Free Enterprise Utah coalition was formed to educate public and oppose any measure to create non-compete agreements.
 - Meant to protect the relationships employers invest in.
- Other group is forming coalition to educate public and support any measure to create non-compete agreements. Their name is not yet determined.

SB117 Higher Education Performance Funding [UTC Support]

- *A motion was made to support this bill. The motion passed unanimously.*

SB220 Student Assessment and School Accountability Amendments [UTC Support]

- All about the continuation of school grading--a better way to grade schools.
- UTC is a driving support on this method.
- *The motion was made to support this bill. The motion passed unanimously.*

STEM Mentor Exchange (STEM MX)

- Missed early session window for a joint-resolution endorsement from the legislature.

SB198—Utah Communications Authority Amendments [UTC Oppose]

- Asking for additional charges to everyone's phone bills to fund a better and more accessible emergency contact system.
 - AT&T would like opposition until the language of the bill is improved.
- *The motion was made to oppose this bill. The motion passed unanimously.*

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Next Meeting is February 22, 2017.