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## Utah Population Estimates Committee

Minutes  
Monday, December 2, 2002  
2:00 P.M. – 4:30 P.M.

### *Committee Members*

#### Present:

Neil Ashdown,	Chair
Shawn Elliott,	Mountainland Assoc. of Govt.
Scott Festin,	Wasatch Front Regional Council
Mark Knold,	Utah Dept. of Workforce Services
Lee Martinez,	Latino Survey & Research
Nate Millward,	Utah Board of Regents
Barry Nangle,	Utah Dept. of Health
Pam Perlich,	U of U, Bureau of Econ. & Bus. Res.
Randy Raphael,	Utah Office of Education
Blake Smith,	Questar Gas
Mike Toney,	Utah State University
Tom Williams,	Utah Tax Commission

#### Staff:

Peter Donner,	GOPB
Lance Rovig,	GOPB
Robert Spendlove,	GOPB
Clara Walters,	GOPB

#### Absent:

Walt Busse,	LDS Church
Ross Reeve,	GOPB

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Welcome and Introductions – Neil Ashdown, Committee Chair

### **I. Approve November 27, 2001 Minutes**

**Mr. Barry Nangle made a motion to approve the November 27, 2001 minutes. Mr. Scott Festin seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

## **II. Introduction of New Committee Members - Neil Ashdown**

Mr. Neil Ashdown introduced the new committee members to the group. They are Mr. Shawn Elliot, of the Mountainland Association of Governments; Mr. Lee Martinez, of Latino Survey & Research; and Mr. Randy Raphael, of the Utah State Office of Education.

## **III. Discussion of Data Inputs in the School Enrollment Method – Robert Spendlove and Randy Raphael**

Mr. Robert Spendlove led a discussion on the accuracy of the school enrollment method as a result of using private school enrollment data. Because of a lack of enforceability in the requirement that private schools report fall enrollment in an accurate and timely manner, there have been problems with this data for some time. In one example, the problem was so great that UPEC was forced to disregard the school enrollment data for a county because of concerns that the data was inaccurately showing migration.

Mr. Randy Raphael distributed a handout containing public and private school enrollment in each county in 2001. He pointed out that private school enrollments represent only a small portion of total enrollment in Utah. These trends have remained fairly constant over time. A scenario analysis of school enrollments without the inclusion of private schools had the result of in-migration trends that were virtually identical to those with private school enrollments.

The recommendation of Mr. Spendlove and Mr. Raphael was to use only public school enrollment data in the consideration of the school enrollment method of population estimation.

**Ms. Pam Perlich made a motion to accept the recommendation of Mr. Spendlove and Mr. Raphael, and to use only public school enrollment data as the official enrollment method of population estimation. Mr. Tom Williams seconded the motion. The motion passed.**

## **IV. Consideration and Approval of 2002 State and County Estimates – Robert Spendlove**

The Committee looked at the growth of school enrollments, LDS membership, and IRS tax exemptions for each county in the state. A handout of this information and a computer presentation of the data were provided by Mr. Spendlove. The Committee also reviewed employment growth, building permits, utility connections, and remittance data, in conjunction with the official methods. Estimates for each county were voted on by committee members.

**The meeting was adjourned.**