

**UTAH PROSECUTION COUNCIL MEETING  
PENDING MINUTES**

**Thursday, May 16, 2019, 3:30 p.m.**

**Via Conference Call  
Dial-in Number: (605) 313-4116  
Access Code: 599100**

UPC : NOTE: All Council Members joined by phone.  
Will Carlson, Deputy Salt Lake County District Attorney (*designee of Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney*)  
Haley Christensen, UPAA Co-Chair, Utah County Attorney's Office  
Robert Cosson, Chief Prosecutor, St. George City Attorney  
Steven Garside, Layton City Attorney (*designee of Barry Huntington and Jann Farris*)  
Ed Montgomery, South Jordan City  
Ryan Peters, Juab County Attorney  
Scott Stephenson, Deputy Director of P.O.S.T (*designee of Commissioner Jess Anderson*)

EXCUSED: Barry Huntington, Chair, Garfield County Attorney  
Jann Farris, Morgan County Attorney  
Stephen Foote, Chair-elect, Duchesne County Attorney  
Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney  
Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General  
Yvette Rodier, West Valley City

UPC  
STAFF: Robert Church, Director  
Marilyn Jaspersen, Training Coordinator

GUEST: Kris Hamann, Executive Director, Prosecutors' Center for Excellence

**I. WELCOME AND ROLE TAKEN**

A. The Council members were welcomed and the meeting convened.

**II. SURVEY FOR PROSECUTOR'S FOR PROSECUTORS' CENTER FOR EXCELLENCE (PCE)**

- A. Kris Hamann, Executive Director, Prosecutors' Center for Excellence introduced the survey and answered questions.
- B. Purpose of the Survey
  - 1. To collect information about the work of county and city prosecutors of all sizes and jurisdictions.
  - 2. To gather information about caseloads and other non-case related office functions.
  - 3. To gather information then highlight innovative ideas and projects from prosecutor offices.
- C. Benefits of the Survey
  - 1. Educate the public on what prosecutors do and the positive work being done around the state.
  - 2. Educate the public on prosecutor case load.
  - 3. Provide research to better educate the public and legislators.
  - 4. Provide quantitative information to legislators before they go into the next session.
- D. Survey Topics
  - 1. Topics in the agenda were discussed.
  - 2. Council agreed to add 10-12 Utah specific questions to the survey.
  - 3. Will Carlson will send Bob a list of crime issues the interim Legislature will be looking at.
  - 4. Bob will reach out to Dan Burton, AG Leg. Rep., for questions that pertain to issues for the Legislature.
  - 5. Bob will draft the questions then submit them for approval.
- E. Completing the Survey
  - Along with what was outlined in the agenda.
  - 1. Survey takes about 90 minutes to complete.
  - 2. PCE asks for no more than three weeks to complete the survey.
  - 4. UPC will compile a list of county and city offices to send the survey to. The point of contact to oversee the completion of the survey will be the lead administrative secretary, under the supervision of the elected or chief prosecutor.
    - a. Bob recommended UPAA take the lead on this project and ask each admin secretary for each office be designated as the contact person who will help complete the survey.
    - b. City list to include West Valley City; South Jordan; Orem; Provo; Spanish Fork; St. George City; and Layton.
  - 5. Survey needs to be submitted to PCE by July 2019. PCE must complete all work on the survey by by September 2019 as that's when their grant expires.

### **III. VOTE ON WHETHER TO JOIN THE SURVEY**

Ryan Peters made the motion to participate in the survey and enlist UPAA to assist in the administration and collection of the survey. Haley Christensen seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously with Scott Stephenson voting by text. No vote in opposition.