

# ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATURE

## SENATE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AND HOUSE GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE FOR THE SUNSET REVIEWS OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS, LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL, OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL, OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN-CITIZENS AIDE AND STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC NAMES

Minutes of the Meeting  
January 9, 2020  
1:00 p.m., Senate Hearing Room 109

### Members Present:

Senator David C. Farnsworth, Co-Chair  
Senator Lela Alston  
Senator Sonny Borrelli  
Senator Vince Leach  
Senator Juan Mendez

Representative John Kavanaugh, Co-Chair  
Representative Walter Blackman  
Representative Isela Blanc  
Representative Diego Espinoza  
Representative Warren Petersen  
Representative Steve Pierce  
Representative Lorenzo Sierra  
Representative Bob Thorpe

### Members Excused:

Senator Frank Pratt  
Senator Victoria Steele

Representative Domingo DeGrazia  
Representative Jennifer Jermaine  
Representative Kevin Payne

### Staff:

Michael Hans, Senate Research Analyst  
Stephanie Jensen, House Research Analyst

Senator Borrelli called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. and attendance was noted.

## SUNSET REVIEW OF THE STATE BOARD ON GEOGRAPHIC AND HISTORIC NAMES

### Presentation by the State Board on Geographic and Historic Names

**Dennis Preisler, State Archivist, State Records Officer, Chairman, Geographic Names Board**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona State Board on Geographic and Historic Names, Sunset Review Presentation" (Attachment A) and distributed a letter from Katie Hobbs, Secretary of State (Attachment B). Mr. Preisler answered questions posed by the Committee.

## **Public Testimony**

Senator Borrelli put out a call for public testimony, however, no one came forward.

## **Discussion and Recommendations**

The Committee discussed the number of years for the continuation of the State Board on Geographic and Historic Names.

**Representative Kavanagh moved that the Senate Government and House Government Committee of Reference recommend the State Board on Geographic and Historic Names be continued for eight years. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

## **SUNSET REVIEW OF THE ARIZONA STATE LIBRARY, ARCHIVES AND PUBLIC RECORDS**

### **Presentation by the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records**

**Allie Bones, Arizona Assistant Secretary of State**, distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "State Library Archives and Public Records" (Attachment C) and distributed a letter from Katie Hobbs, Secretary of State (Attachment D). Ms. Bones answered questions posed by the Committee

**Holly Henley, Arizona State Librarian, Director, Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records**, gave an overview of the Library and Archives.

Ms. Bones answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

**Janet Fisher, Administrator, Arizona Talking Book Library**, gave an overview of the Arizona Talking Book Library and answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Bones answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

**Michael Hans, Senate Research Analyst**, answered questions posed by the Committee.

Ms. Bones answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

## **Public Testimony**

Senator Borrelli put out a call for public testimony, however, no one came forward.

Senator Borrelli stated that a letter addressed to the Sunset Commission would be read into the public record.

Representative Kavanagh read a letter from Ted Hale into the record regarding several concerns. (Attachment E).

Ms. Bones answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

### **Discussion and Recommendations**

**Representative Kavanagh moved that the Senate Government and House Government Committee of Reference recommend the Arizona State Library, Archives and Public Records be continued for eight years. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

## **SUNSET REVIEW OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

### **Presentation by Legislative Council**

**Mike Braun, Executive Director, Arizona Legislative Council**, introduced Patricia Probst, Assistant Director, Legislative Council and Steve Primack, Associate Director, Legislative Council. Mr. Braun distributed a letter addressed to Senator David Farnsworth (Attachment F) and gave an overview of the primary purpose of the Council.

Senator Borrelli and Representative Thorpe offered comments.

### **Public Testimony**

**Senator Farnsworth** put out a call for public testimony, however, no one came forward.

### **Discussion and Recommendations**

The Committee discussed the number of years for the continuation of Legislative Council.

**Representative Kavanagh moved that the Senate Government and House Government Committee of Reference recommend the Legislative Council be continued for eight years. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

## **SUNSET REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE OMBUDSMAN-CITIZENS AIDE**

### **Presentation by the Office of the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide**

**Dennis Wells, Arizona State Ombudsman**, introduced Joanne MacDonnell, Deputy Ombudsman and Danee Garone, Staff Attorney. Mr. Wells distributed and explained a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Arizona Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide Office" (Attachment G) and a "Sunset Review Report, 2019 Office of the Ombudsman-Citizens'

Aide" (Attachment H). Mr. Wells gave an overview of the Ombudsman-Citizens' Aide Office and answered questions posed by the Committee.

### **Public Testimony**

Senator Farnsworth put out a call for public testimony, however, no one came forward.

### **Discussion and Recommendations**

**Representative Kavanagh moved that the Senate Government and House Government Committee of Reference recommend the Office of the Ombudsman-Citizens Aide be continued for eight years. The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

## **SUNSET REVIEW OF THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL**

### **Presentation by the Office of the Auditor General**

**Lindsey Perry, Arizona Auditor General**, distributed a report entitled "Office of the Auditor General, Sunset Review Response" (Attachment I) and gave an overview of the Arizona Auditor General's Office. Ms. Perry answered questions posed by the Committee.

### **Discussion and Recommendations**

Senator Farnsworth offered comments.

Ms. Perry answered additional questions posed by the Committee.

Representative Blanc, Senator Alston, Senator Farnsworth and Representative Thorpe offered comments.

Senator Farnsworth offered additional comments.

**Representative Kavanagh moved that the Senate Government and House Government Committee of Reference recommend the Office of the Auditor General be continued for eight years.**

Senator Farnsworth offered additional comments.

**The motion CARRIED by voice vote.**

Attached are forms noting the individuals who submitted a Speaker Slip on the agenda items (Attachment J).

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Toy Brown  
Committee Secretary

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