

**Utah Executive Branch Ethics Commission
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114**

March 12, 2014

The Honorable Wayne Niederhauser, President
Utah State Senate
The Honorable Becky Lockhart, Speaker
Utah State House of Representatives
Legislative Management Committee
Room 320 State
State Capitol
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Dear Speaker Lockhart and President Niederhauser:

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §63A-14-203(3) (b) requiring the Commission to report to the Legislative Management Committee annually, we present the following information:

- 1) We have held an organizing meeting on August 23, 2013 and received a briefing from the Legislative General Counsel's Office regarding the history and intent of the Commission. We also held an election for the Chair of the Commission. W. Val Oveson was elected by the Commission members.
- 2) We have set up an email address under the name of ethics@utah.gov and we are in the process of setting up a state phone number to receive complaints from the public.
- 3) As coordinated with the other two ethics commissions, we are working to have a presence on the State of Utah web site where our email address and phone number will be displayed. For those citizens wishing to send their complaint by mail, there will be a physical address available from the web site that they can use to mail a letter.
- 4) We have advertised the position of Executive Director of the Commission and conducted interviews on December 18, 2013 with several potential candidates. We have not made a final selection but expect to do so in the next 30 days. We are working to find someone that is willing to do the job on a part time basis with a salary of \$4,000.00 per year. We will file an updated report with the Management Committee when we have hired the Executive Director.
- 5) We are ready to conduct business and receive ethics complaints.
- 6) We have not received any complaints since our organization on August 23, 2013.

