

Public Record Requests  
Meeting Minutes  
November 25, 2014

ATTENDANCE

Becky Boone	Benny Poole	Betsy Russell
Brian Kane	Dan Blocksom	Dan Chadwick
Jeremy Pisca	Julie Hart	Justin Ruen
Kate Meyers	Lorna Jorgensen	Seth Grigg

AGENDA

1. Review Minutes
2. Review of Cally Younger's Project
3. Legislation Draft
4. Recodification Discussion
5. Next Meeting

DISCUSSION

1. Review Minutes
  - a. Jeremy Pisca moved to approve minutes
  - b. Betsy Russell second
  - c. Minutes approved, all in favor
2. Review of Cally Younger's Project
  - a. Project on Idaho State agencies and the public records request system available on their websites
  - b. Wants to add how accessible information and forms are on each website-will be done before next meeting
  - c. Found a large disparity among agencies regarding how many requests each agency receives
  - d. The Governor's office is working to make the process more transparent
    - i. Creating a website to put all things public records related on one page
    - ii. It is possible to have a page with links to all agencies and their public records request pages
    - iii. Might also be possible to post old public record requests
  - e. Some concerns were raised about rules of electronic access
    - i. If an electronic copy is posted online, does an agency have to make a hard copy?
      1. Brian Kane says yes, if the hard copy is demanded

- ii. Group has to remember that not everyone has access to a computer or the internet

### 3. Legislation Draft

- a. Jeremy Pisca created a draft of possible legislation
  - i. Took provisions from the Utah Statute, deleted overbearing aspects to try and keep a simple piece of legislation
  - ii. Appeal process intentionally done to be time efficient
  - iii. Committee meant to remain small. Everyone wants to be included but consensus of the group was to begin small, preferably three people
  - iv. An individual can skip the committee review and go straight to the courts
  - v. Jeremy assures more details can be created later by the committee
  - vi. Goal was to draft what everyone had agreed upon
- b. Question/comments that arose from legislation discussion
  - i. Would members of a committee be able to dismiss themselves in cases that might present a conflict of interest?
  - ii. Seth Grigg with the Association of Idaho Cities says his members are concerned that an ombudsman might not have grassroots experience that cities would prefer and questions how such person will be appointed or selected.
  - iii. Time frame of process is still a concern. Want to ensure that the process will not slow down public records request process.
  - iv. Concerns about time to appeal to district court were discussed and need further investigating on whether or not 180 days to appeal would begin while waiting for committee review or after they issued an opinion
  - v. Would this help the press or hurt the press?
- c. Committee to review draft legislation in depth before next meeting and voice any concerns.

### 4. Recodification Discussion

- a. Recodification of public records, open meetings, and ethics should be step one of this process
- b. Subcommittee created to structure “Transparent Government” –committee includes Besty Russell, Dan Chadwick, and Brian Kane.
- c. 9-355 dealing with law enforcement records in consideration for a trailer bill but only if everyone can come to a consensus

### 5. Next Meeting

- a. Review new legislation with comments/suggestions from group

- b. Recommendations-what is the number one priority of each group

**Next Meeting**

**Monday, December 15, 2014 at 10am**