

Date: January 18, 2024

THE SALT LAKE VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA BOARD OF TRUSTEES (“BOARD”) MET ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2024, AT 10:00 AM. THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY JOIN THE OPEN PORTIONS OF THE MEETING BY CALLING 1-720-707-2699 AND ENTERING MEETING ID 89624210951 AND PASSWORD 119591#. THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO LISTEN TO ALL OPEN PORTIONS OF THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS AND PERSONS PARTICIPATING BY PHONE OR ELECTRONICALLY WERE ABLE TO HEAR ALL DISCUSSIONS.

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Excused:</u>	<u>Attended Via Zoom:</u>
TRUSTEE JIM BRADLEY, SALT LAKE COUNTY		TRUSTEE CHRIS STAVROS, SALT LAKE COUNTY
TRUSTEE DAVID BREMS, EMIGRATION CANYON		
TRUSTEE ALAN PETERSON, KEARNS		
TRUSTEE PHILLIP CARDENAZ, WHITE CITY		
TRUSTEE STEVE PROKOPIS, MAGNA		
TRUSTEE DAVID OLSEN, COPPERTON		
TRUSTEE CAROLYN KEIGLEY, BRIGHTON		
TRUSTEE DEA THEODORE, SALT LAKE COUNTY		

ALSO ATTENDED:

SHERIFF ROSIE RIVERA, SLCO SHERIFF

UNDERSHERIFF CYNTHIA ARCHULETA, UNDERSHERIFF SLCO SHERIFF

CHIEF OF POLICE JASON MAZURAN, UPD CHIEF OF POLICE

RACHEL ANDERSON, SLVLESA LEGAL COUNSEL

RICHARD MOON, SLVLESA TREASURER

### **Item #1-Call to Order**

**Trustee Bradley called the meeting to order. A roll call vote for attendance was then conducted.**

### **Item #2-Public Comment**

**Action Requested:** None

**Discussion:** Trustee Bradley asked if there were any members of the public who wished to address the Board. There were none.

### **Item #3- Appoint 2024 Board Chair and Vice Chair.**

**Action Requested:** Motion, Second, and Vote for each position.

**Discussion:** Rachel Anderson said the first item of business is they need to elect a Board Chair and a Board Vice-Chair for the year. She said Trustee Bradley has said that he could serve again and that is up to the Board.

Trustee Theodore said she would welcome Trustee Bradley serving again if he is willing and he wants to.

Trustee Brems said he wanted to make a motion to nominate Trustee Bradley as the SLVLESA chair.

Trustee Peterson said there were some members who wondered if there is a conflict with the County.

Trustee Prokopis said some of the conversations he's heard is that the County has had control for at least a couple years, at least at the Chair level, and the townships feel like it may be time that they have a say. He said Salt Lake County is still absolutely a member of SLVLESA and he is comfortable with that. Whether a change is in order based on what is in their future, he can't say. He doesn't know where the conflicts become so potential that we change. He said there are rumors that the County could leave this board and leave SLVLESA as current as this legislation and he doesn't know if that is true but that is what he is hearing.

Rachel Anderson said she doesn't expect there to be any changes this year. She said we do have a motion and second on the table that has not been voted on. She asked if there is an alternate motion that someone would like to make or should we vote on the motion that is here.

Trustee Olsen asked what Trustee Bradley's preference would be.

Trustee Bradley said he doesn't have a preference and with Rachel here it is a very easy position. He said it has been a unique position being a Councilman from the County and also the Chair of SLVLESA, but it has given him some perspective that has provided him some insight and others can represent that as well. He said he is not going to take it personally if they choose someone else.

Trustee Prokopis said he hopes not, because that would not be personal, and he thinks he has done a tremendous job.

Trustee Bradley said he doesn't mind serving again, he can see some benefits, but also maybe he has other things to do as well.

Trustee Olsen said he'll make an alternate nomination and only for the reason to see a new face and a fresh perspective. He said personally, he would like to see Steve Prokopolis in this position.

Trustee Prokopolis said that wasn't what he was after, but he did want to start the conversation. He said he's fine with Trustee Bradley moving forward but he does believe there will be a time when there are conflicts of interest. He said he's not sure what the future holds for this body.

Trustee Cardenas said he would second that nomination of Trustee Prokopolis.

Rachel Anderson asked all those in favor of the second motion to appoint Trustee Prokopolis as Chair, to raise their hands.

Trustee Keigley, Prokopolis, Cardenas, Olsen and Stavros voted to nominate Trustee Prokopolis as Chair.

Rachel Anderson said that is a majority of the Board and so that motion carries. She asked for a motion to appoint a Vice-Chair.

Trustee Prokopolis nominated Trustee Bradley to be Vice-Chair.

Trustee Keigley seconded that motion.

All voted in favor; none opposed.

Motion passed for Trustee Bradley to be Vice-Chair.

Rachel Anderson said she is happy to work closely with both of them, especially during this transition point and both points of view are good and will make us stronger.

#### **Item #4-Approve Minutes for the November 16, 2023, and December 21, 2023, Board Meetings.**

**Action Requested:** Motion, Second, and Vote.

**Discussion:** Rachel Anderson asked if there were any comments on the minutes. There were none.

Trustee Keigley motioned to approve the minutes from the November and December meetings.

Trustee Theodore seconded the motion.

All voted in favor; none opposed.

The minutes were approved.

#### **Item #5-Present Expenditures for the month of December 2023, and Other Financial Information.**

**Action Requested:** Motion, Second, and Vote.

**Discussion:** Richard Moon said the check register for December was sent out and asked if anyone had any questions on it. There were no questions. He said he realized this morning he should have sent out the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter information, but they will present that in the February meeting.

Trustee Olsen motioned to approve the check register and financial information.

Trustee Cardenas seconded the motion.

All voted in favor; none opposed.

Rachel Anderson said that she spoke with Richard Moon, and they have their TRAns process that they will be doing in the upcoming months. This is the loan they take out once a year to cover us until they get their tax revenue.

#### **Item #6- District Administrator Report.**

**Action Requested:** None.

**Discussion:** Rachel Anderson gave an update on the funding request from the Sheriff for the Southwest Canyons. They have gone back and forth on that and whether to approve that or not and they ended up agreeing with her to wait until after they have their budget approved. She has since agreed to table that request, as she has been redirecting her efforts to presenting her proposal to provide the law enforcement services to SLVLESA and has incorporated that request into the bigger picture.

She said they had met with Frank Pignanelli, and he felt like he didn't have a lot of direction from SLVLESA on how to move forward. He reached out to Rachel at the end of December notifying her that his contract was up with SLVLESA, and she said he wasn't feeling comfortable moving forward without more firm direction and she spoke with Trustee Bradley, and they are not pursuing any legislation this year. The township bill is a separate matter that the townships are taking. There was a question as to whether we needed to oppose legislation coming out of the County to potentially leave SLVLESA. She said in conversations she's been having that there are no plans this year to pursue legislation, we are talking with them in a collaborative matter about potential options. She said she doesn't think this organization has a large need for a separate lobbyist right now and those are expensive contracts. Also, they are members of USAD and that is what most districts rely on for their lobbying efforts and she thinks that is sufficient for now. She said if things get more complicated, they can go back and look at if they need to hire someone specifically.

#### **Item #7- Presentation from Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office on Proposed Service Contract.**

**Potential Action Requested:** No Action Required.

**Discussion:** Rachel Anderson said that the next major issue on the agenda is Sheriff Rivera's presentation on their proposed service contract. She said these are the numbers they have been looking for and they are very pleased to make some progress on this issue. She said this presentation has been made in individual meetings with each of SLVLESA's members and their mayors, so this is not the first time any members have heard this information. The information that is provided today will now be considered public information and they can take the materials to discuss with their councils if they like. Her intention is after today's presentation, she will reach out to each of the members individually to start getting temperatures on what people are thinking and if they need to request any adjustments to the proposal, they'll need to look at that because this proposal is for all of SLVLESA.

Sheriff Rivera said there have been board members or mayors from the different councils that have requested they go to each council, so they do have those scheduled.

Sheriff Rivera and Chief Ackerman presented their proposal for a service contract to SLVLESA. Sheriff Rivera said they were asked by SLVLESA as a whole to present a contract model and she knows it has taken some time, but these are the numbers they have put together. Their goal was to maintain the same service levels and their second goal was to take care of the people providing the service, they never want to forget about their employees. Their vision is to re-integrate the County-wide services and statutory duties of the Sheriff and they have talked about that a lot but July 1st, 2024, is the date the UPD Board chose for them to make the actual split with those services and to also provide contracting option for communities that maximizes service and minimizes costs. They want to keep SLVLESA operational and since 2019, during the SLVLESA board meetings they have talked about the long-term financial situation that SLVLESA has been in, and they wanted to consider the operationally sound and to be fiscally responsible as long-term sustainability for the district. They also wanted to provide a path for independence for members down the road, as they know legislation is changing and townships can become cities and they wanted to keep that in mind. They also wanted to avoid any subsidy or double taxation criticisms because that is what got them here in the first place. Their goal is for each individual member of SLVLESA to have versatility. The contract is with SLVLESA as a whole, but they know they each have their own communities and they wanted to provide customization options for each community and also keep the culture that they have talked about that is so precious to not only UPD but to the Sheriff's Office as well.

Chief Ackerman said they are still working to refine their budget numbers and these numbers do not include any of the revenues that they anticipate, so that will decrease the costs that they are presenting and those are revenues coming back under the County and the revenues that have been enjoyed by each of the different townships. They are still working to finalize their VECC costs, they have some preliminary numbers that are included here, and they are confident that the actual numbers, when they come back, will be less than what they have currently budgeted. The other difficult part is they do not know their sworn personnel yet and typically when you're building out budgets you aim for the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile, the middle, midrange of your pay scale. Because of the nature of many of the assignments coming back under the Sheriff's office, they believe they will get a more senior, experienced workforce so they have adjusted that to the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile as a better estimate. They also have fully costed their equipment. Over the last several years, post-Covid technology has drastically increased in cost and expense, in addition to vehicles. In this presentation they have fully costed with those updated costs. Additionally, they anticipate a 5% under-expend and that is due to being under-staffed and that is common in law enforcement. About the organization chart, they want to stress that this does not include a reduction in service to any of the communities. They have been able to centralize many of the functions.

Chief Ackerman presented the SLVLESA model contract budget costs in a chart that was displayed in the meeting. He said they are projecting cost savings of 0.39%. He said if SLVLESA were to remain with UPD, SLCo law enforcement bureau would be looking at a 32% increase to provide the county-side and statutory services, and if SLVLESA were to return under the Sheriff's Office, that 32% would drop to approximately 10% anticipated increase.

Trustee Keigley asked if the percentage for Brighton would be the same as is presented today.

Chief Ackerman said they have re-figured their formula, different than UPD has typically calculated that based on property values, calls for service, etc. They have re-aligned a lot of those shared expense costs with employee costs. He said they can certainly delineate the percentage of what Brighton's percentage was and differentiate that from the canyons.

Trustee Keigley said she thinks what the budget for Brighton should be, should be based on what it really costs to have those officers.

Chief Ackerman said they would calculate it that way as well, there is a fixed expense for the law enforcement bureau, there's a fixed cost for maintaining that precinct up in Cottonwood Heights for the Canyon specifically and they would appropriately, in the same model based upon employees that are using that facility. That would help them with the share and the percentage that they would contribute to keep that open.

Sheriff Rivera said they will send out the information to all of SLVLESA as soon as their presentation is over. She said to keep in mind they did it as the County as a partner of SLVLESA, so they are included as well and as they can see the economies of scale tell the story, and that is the same for UPD, so it's just a matter of SLVLESA making up their minds as to what they are going to do and now they have some numbers to help them do that.

Chief Ackerman said they do have an additional spreadsheet, but it would be longer than the table, it shows every item broken out individually, very specifically and they can break that out any way they would like, and this is just the cliff's notes comparison. He said the org chart is based on what they believe they can adequately provide the same level of service.

Trustee Keigley said from what she understands, some members could go with the Sheriff, and some could go with UPD and there's no issue.

Rachel said legally there is no issue but the bigger concern for her is financially, but this is why they are doing this process.

Sheriff Rivera said there is always room to adjust, if they see something they don't like in this presentation.

Chief Ackerman said their goal is for the SLVLESA Board to continue its operations. They are interested in their ideas about community-based branding on cars and having those discussions. They want to customize base models for each contracting entity, and they want a fair and true allocation model for shared services. He said contracting will work fundamentally differently now that townships are no longer unincorporated.

#### **Item #8- Update on the Unified Police Department.**

**Action Requested:** None.

**Discussion:** Sheriff Rivera said she wanted to recognize Sgt. Vaughn Allen and his entire team for all of the work they have been doing, they have had a lot of violent crime within their jurisdiction. She wanted to recognize Captain Anjewierden, he oversees their records and evidence and all of tech services. With this split, it requires a lot of work and she wanted to recognize him and his team who are trying to do this split. She also wanted to recognize that Lt. Torin Chambers has been accepted to the FBI National Academy and he will be able to attend that in 2026.

#### **Item #9-Adjourn.**

Trustee Prokopis adjourned the meeting.