

Date: August 19, 2021

THE SALT LAKE VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA BOARD OF TRUSTEES (“BOARD”) MET ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021, AT 10:00 AM. THE PUBLIC WAS NOTIFIED THAT THEY MAY ATTEND THE MEETING AT THE SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF/UNIFIED POLICE DEPARTMENT BUILDING, 3365 SOUTH 900 WEST, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH OR JOIN THE OPEN PORTIONS OF THE MEETING BY CALLING 1-669 900-9128 AND ENTERING MEETING ID 92301763844# AND PASSWORD 259919#. THE PUBLIC WAS ALLOWED TO LISTEN TO ALL OPEN PORTIONS OF THE MEETING. BOARD MEMBERS AND PERSONS PARTICIPATING IN PERSON OR BY PHONE WERE ABLE TO HEAR ALL DISCUSSIONS.

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

ALSO ATTENDED VIA ZOOM/IN PERSON:

SHERIFF ROSIE RIVERA, SALT LAKE COUNTY SHERIFF

UNDERSHERIFF JAKE PETERSEN, SALT LAKE COUNTY UNDERSHERIFF

CHIEF OF POLICE JASON MAZURAN, UPD CHIEF OF POLICE

FRANK NAKAMURA, SLVLESA DISTRICT ADMINISTRATOR/SLVLESA LEGAL COUNSEL

RICHARD MOON, SLVLESA TREASURER

MARCIE KAY, SLVLESA CLERK

Item #1-Call to Order.

Trustee Bradley called the meeting to order.

Item #2- Conflict of interest disclosure.

Action Requested: Identify Conflicts; if any

Discussion: Trustee Bradley asked if there were any conflicts of interest. None were identified.

Item #3-Public Comment.

Trustee Bradley asked if anyone was calling in to the meeting or was present who wanted to give public comment to the Board. Marcie Kay, SLVLESA Clerk, stated that there were no calls from the public. No one present wanted to give public comment. Public comment was closed.

Item #4-Present Expenditures for the Month of July 2021, and Other Financial Information.

Action Requested: None

Discussion: Richard Moon said each member received a list of expenditures in their meeting packets. He asked if there were any questions on any expenditures. There were none.

Item #5-Report by Sheriff Rivera, SLVLESA Chief Executive Officer

Action Requested: None

Discussion: Sheriff Rivera said they did get the contract signed so it will get all the patrol officers outfitted with body cameras and they will also be providing their tasers at no additional cost. The Sheriff said they will be filling some SWAT positions that the County had approved but because Lisa Dudley is out, they are not able to do the budget adjustment yet, but they will have it for the next meeting. Also, their Granite SRO contract is in their hands right now, but they believe they will have that resolved by the next meeting as well. She said they have not received the award letter for the VOCA grant yet, but they anticipate it will be arriving in the next day or so and it's about \$390,000 and they will bring that to the Board next month as well, with the exact numbers.

Item #6-Appoint Subcommittee on Legislative Effort.

Action Requested: Motion and Vote

Discussion: Frank Nakamura said Frank Pignanelli, their lobbyist, is on the line. Frank said their initial goal on legislation was the cap but there has been changes and issues coming up in the last few months, so the legislative effort has become more complicated. He said there needs to be a discussion about what they are going to do in terms of their structure and the legislation and Trustee Flint has mentioned that and he said they need a committee to tackle this. They need to look not only at the cap but there are other issues that need to be addressed. He said it will involve hour of work and will be a difficult task. He said they cannot have more than four members on the committee.

Jim Bradley said in terms of experience, he has some suggestions about who should be on the committee. He said he thinks Trustee Brems, Trustee Stavros and Trustee Flint should be on it. Frank Nakamura asked if Trustee Bradley was on the committee as well. He said he would be if the numbers allowed it.

Frank Pignanelli thanked SLVLESA for trusting their firm and said they are dedicated to the cause, especially with metro townships. He said life has changed on tax policy in the last two months because of decisions by the Salt Lake County Assessor but also because of Salt Lake City and what they have done with their law enforcement. He said as they were preparing for legislation, within their original proposal which was to raise the cap there was going to be an increase but what's going to happen, is there will be a larger increase, that makes it politically difficult to ask for any type of cap increase, especially because of the different organizations. He said by setting up this committee, they can then go to the different stakeholders to say this is what we are doing, and we are looking at this. It may end up that they have raise the cap or look at doing something else, but they are going to demand that they have gone through a process, so what Frank Nakamura has done is very important.

Trustee Theodore motioned to approve the appointed members of the Committee.

Trustee Petersen seconded the motion.

All voted in favor; none opposed.

The motion passed.

Item #7-Consider RESOLUTION NO. 21819-1 OF THE SALT LAKE VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT SERVICE AREA (SLVLESA) BOARD OF TRUSTEES STATING ITS INTENT TO LEVY A TAX RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2022 THAT EXCEEDS ITS CERTIFIED TAX RATE, THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF THE ESTIMATED AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED INCREASE, THE PURPOSES FOR THE ADDITIONAL AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE AND THE APPROXIMATE PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN THE AD VALOREM PROPERTY TAX REVENUE GENERATED BY THE PROPOSED INCREASE AS REQUIRED BY SECTION 59-2-919 OF THE UTAH CODE.

Action Requested: Motion, Second and Vote.

Discussion: Frank Nakamura said the Board will have to determine today because what has been given to them is a blank on terms of percentage of increased budget revenues.

Richard Moon said his and Lisa Dudley's jobs are to give the information to the SLVLESA Board so they can make an informed decision. He said Lisa had presented some of that information and has been out to some of their communities. He said their plan, within the next week or two, is to be out at all their communities. Richard said the issue with SLVLESA is if they do not do something now, within two years they will not be able to meet state legislation and have the minimum five percent fund balance. He said a tax increase is an important consideration. Richard Moon asked Chief Jason Ackerman to present the information about the wage increases from other law enforcement agencies.

Chief Ackerman said that in the past ten years they have seen a decline in applicants wanting to join the law enforcement profession, that is keeping up with those who are leaving the profession, and this has only accelerated over the last couple years, due to recent events. He said last year they were losing .8 officers a week due to retirement, resignation, going to other agencies and termination, etc. He said if those numbers keep up, they will be losing about 30 officers each calendar year. He said it takes 4 months to hire a lateral police officer with prior experience, in the best-case scenario. However, if it is a new applicant with now prior law enforcement experience, it will take over a year until they are on duty and that is assuming they can get academy positions to put officers through that training. He said they are currently in a good position with staffing because of Taylorsville's departure. Other agencies similar in size to UPD are not faring as well. For instance, Salt Lake City is short about 65 to 70 police positions. They are being forced to take officers out of detective positions and reassign them to patrol just so they can handle the number of calls coming in. He said West Valley is also in a similar situation. These agencies have made double digit increases to their compensation packages for their officers, which is unprecedented. The fear is if they do not do something to remain competitive, they will start losing officers and find themselves in a similar situation as other agencies.

Richard Moon said their projected fund balance, after their May budget adjustment, is just over \$4.3 million.

Frank Nakamura asked if there were any questions from Board members.

Trustee Keigley said in the UPD Board meeting they suggested that they have someone come from UPD to their town councils and explain this scenario. She asked if they would come and present both the compensation information as well as the tax levy cap information or do separate presentations. Chief Ackerman said logistically they can work it out and they would present both at the same time.

Frank Nakamura said if they do pass this Resolution, they will need to decide upon a percentage for the increase. He said to get right at the cap, it is 16.57%, so it must be below that percentage. Trustee Bradley asked what happens next if they do pass the Resolution. Frank Nakamura said they will meet with all the town councils and make their presentations in the month of September because they do need approval from those councils. Trustee Bradley asked what percentage of approval they needed to move forward. Frank Nakamura said ideally it would be unanimous. Under the law, it would require the unanimous vote of all members or a majority of the members and 2/3 vote of the County Council. Trustee Bradley asked what this does to truth in taxation. Frank Nakamura said it is all part of the process to go to the councils, see how they vote, and if they do support it, they will follow all the enhanced notice requirements notifying all property owners. On December 16th they will have their public hearing on this issue, along with their budget.

Trustee Flint said one of the things they need to include prior to truth in taxation, is they must explain to the public that this is what it takes to keep the level of service for what they have now, but they need to also show the cuts that will have to be made. They need to be able, in dollars and cents, to show that if they do not vote yes on this, this is what you will be cut per community. She said she wants digital copies of the charts presented in this meeting, so she can send those out to her colleagues on the council. She said she would like them made available to the public so they can see it is either cut services or fund the services. She said she is going to go out and sell to her community and work at the legislature, that they need alternative means of funding, and it cannot just be property tax because they are already taxed to death. She said many districts have a tax and a fee.

Trustee Stavros said he thought Trustee Flint made an excellent point but the thought that was going to be the legislative strategy. He said he thinks they all know that SLVLESA is dependent on property tax alone and to be on an equal playing field with the other jurisdictions, they do need to have multiple sources of revenue. He said he thinks they all agree that the members of SLVLESA deserve the same level of law enforcement services as everyone else. He said it is clear from the presentations that they have a serious recruitment and retention problem with officers that must be addressed. The only way they can provide that level of service is to make SLVLESA fiscally solvent, so the tax increase is a necessity.

Trustee Bradley entertained a motion to vote.

Trustee Stavros motioned to approve the Resolution with a 16.5% increase.

Trustee Keigley seconded the motion.

Trustee Olsen said it is difficult to get a word in when you are online, and he wanted that noted. Trustee Olsen asked what a vote of intent is and what is this going to accomplish other than give Frank the information he is looking for. He asked if he was bound by the vote he gave today.

Frank Nakamura said the intent Resolution starts the truth in taxation process and this is statutory. He said it never becomes final until December 16th at their public hearing. All notices will be based on this intent Resolution. He said that Trustee Olsen's town council does not have to abide by what he votes today.

Trustee Bradley said this is not implementing the tax, this is just putting the process in motion.

Trustee Prokopolis said he gave this news to his council and the citizens that were in attendance a month ago, that they were facing a possible tax increase. He said as far as messaging goes, they need to be careful when they say they must or are forced to raise taxes because a constituent reminded him that that is not always the option, they have the option to cut elsewhere to meet the financial needs. He said he would like all the documentation necessary to demonstrate the cuts they have already taken at the meeting with his council.

Chief Ackerman said one point of clarification is that the document he presented today is a draft, it is a living document because there are going to be other changes from other agencies.

Frank Nakamura conducted a roll call vote.

Trustee Bradley voted aye.

Trustee Brems voted aye.

Trustee Theodore voted aye.

Trustee Flint voted aye

Trustee Olsen voted aye.

Trustee Peterson voted aye.

Trustee Prokopis voted aye.

Trustee Keigley voted aye.

Trustee Stavros voted aye.

The Resolution passed unanimously.

Item #8- Approval of Minutes for the July 15, 2021, meeting.

Action Requested: Motion, Second and Vote.

Discussion: Trustee Bradley entertained a motion.

Trustee Keigley motioned to approve.

Trustee Stavros seconded the motion.

All voted in favor; none opposed.

The minutes were approved.

Item #9-Adjourn.

Trustee Bradley adjourned the meeting.