



Independent Legislative Ethics Commission

2025 Summary Data Report to the Utah Legislature

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Purpose of the Report

The Summary Data Report to the Utah Legislature was prepared in accordance with JR6-2-104. This rule requires the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission to prepare an annual report of the Commission's activities, including the following:

- A general description of the activities of the Commission during the past year
- Statistical information for ethical complaints
- An accounting of the Commission's budget and expenditures

General Description of Activities

The Commission held its annual meeting on January 13, 2025. At that meeting, Sen. Karen Morgan was elected as the Chair of the Commission. Rep. David Clark was appointed as the Chair Pro Tempore. At that meeting, Judge Fred Voros announced his resignation due to conflict-of-interest concerns between his law practice and the ethics commission. In June, Judge William Thorne was appointed to fill the rest of Judge Voros's term.

In April 2025, the Commission accepted a complaint against a senator. The Commission met several times in adjudication of the complaint and ultimately dismissed the complaint.

In June 2025, Judge Gordon Low resigned from the Commission as he and his wife were pursuing missionary service for their church.

The 2025 Commission membership is as follows:

Senator Karen Morgan, Chair

Representative David Clark, Chair Pro Tempore

Judge Michael Lyon

Judge William Thorne

Representative David Clark has continued to meet with international visitors hosted by the Utah Global Diplomacy office. In these discussions, Representative Clark highlighted the role and work of the Legislative Ethics Commission in promoting transparency, accountability, and ethical governance within the state. The meetings provided an opportunity to share best practices, exchange ideas on ethical oversight, and foster collaborative relationships with both national and international counterparts. Representative Clark emphasized the importance of these engagements in showcasing Utah's commitment to ethical governance and learning from diverse perspectives.

Statistical Information for Ethical Complaints

During 2025, the number of ethical complaints filed with the commission is as follows:

- The number of ethics complaints filed with the commission: 1
- The number of complaints filed against a member of the House of Representatives: 0
- The number of complaints filed against a member of the Senate: 1

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Accounting of Commission's Budget and Expenditures

In 2025, the following expenditures were paid out of the Legislative Ethics Commission's budget:

\$8000 – Executive Director Salary

\$5409.60 – Additional compensation to the Executive Director for hours spent on complaint

Total expenditures for 2025 - \$13409.60