



MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
January 28, 2021

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 28, 2021, via Zoom connection, due to the safety restrictions put in place by the Utah Governor's Office, in response to continuing COVID-19 concerns. The following were present:

WFRC COUNCIL MEMBERS - 2021		
BOX ELDER COUNTY	Yes/No	Alternates / Others in attendance:
Member - Jeff Scott	yes	Robert Dandoy, Roy City Mayor
Alternate – Tyler Vincent	no	Neal Berube, North Ogden City Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS		Tami Moody, Herriman City
Len Arave	yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Council
Mark Shepherd	yes	Robert Hale, Midvale City Mayor
Randy Lewis	yes	Debbie Winn, Tooele City Mayor
Bob Stevenson	yes	Dirk Burton, West Jordan City Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY		Wendy Thomas, Herriman City
Member - Mike Newton	yes	Nate Peterson, UDOT
Alternate - Blaine Fackrell	yes	Dina Blaes, Salt Lake County
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS		Alfred Knotts
Jenny Wilson	yes	Russell Weeks, SL City Council staff
Erin Mendenhall	no	Robert Stewart, UDOT
Troy Walker	yes	Kyler Brower
Aimee Winder-Newton	yes	Steve Van Maren
Jeff Silvestrini	yes	Andrew Gruber, WFRC
Robert Dahle	no	Ned Hacker, WFRC
Ron Bigelow	yes	Ted Knowlton, WFRC
Derk Timothy	yes	Wayne Bennion, WFRC
TOOELE COUNTY		Jory Johner, WFRC
Member - Scott Wardle	yes	Nikki Navio, WFRC
Alternate – Brent Marshall	yes	Ben Wuthrich, WFRC
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS		Bert Granberg, WFRC
Scott Jenkins	yes	Lauren Victor, WFRC
Jim Harvey	yes	Hugh Van Wagenen, WFRC
Mark Allen	yes	Rosie Hernandez, WFRC
Mike Caldwell	no	Megan Townsend, WFRC
UDOT & UTA		Christy Dahlberg, WFRC
Member - Carlos Braceras, UDOT	no	Nicole Mendelsohn, WFRC
Alternate - Teri Newell, UDOT	no	Marcia White, WFRC
Member - Carlton Christensen, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Andrea Pearson, WFRC
Alternate - Beth Holbrook, UTA Board of Trustees	yes	Suzie Swim, WFRC
NON-VOTING MEMBERS		Justin Smart, WFRC
Lorene Kamalu - Utah Association of Counties	yes	Jeannie Lambert, WFRC
Dawn Ramsey - Utah League of Cities and Towns	yes	Ryan Leavitt, Jim Barker, WFRC
Ari Bruening - Envision Utah	yes	Rob Jolley, Chris Bleak, WFRC
Wayne Harper - State Senate	no	Julie Bjornstad, WFRC
Mike Schultz - State House of Representatives	no	Josh Reynolds, WFRC
Evan Curtis – State Planning Coordinator	yes	Chad Worthen, WFRC

Welcome [00:00:05]

At 2:02pm, Commissioner Bob Stevenson welcomed Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests and introductions were made via roll call.

1. Consent Agenda [00:03:02]

1a. ACTION: Minutes and 1b. ACTION: Financial Statements

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini made a motion to approve the minutes of the WFRC meeting held October 22, 2020, and to approve the Financial Statements and Check Registers for September, October 2020, and the current Budget/Expenditure Report. Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion and the minutes and financial statements were accepted unanimously.

2. Chair's Report [00:03:58]

Commissioner Stevenson informed the Council membership that Andrew Gruber's employment contract, as Executive Director of Wasatch Front Regional Council, has been extended for an additional 10-year term.

2a. ACTION: Endorse appointments to WFRC Committees [00:06:25]

The WFRC Bylaws require that a Chair and Vice Chair be elected bi-annually at the first regular meeting in odd number years. At the October 2020 WFRC meeting, WFRC Chair Commissioner Bob Stevenson appointed a six-member Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers for consideration. The Nominating Committee met in December 2020 and now presents recommendations for the following: Millcreek City Mayor Jeff Silvestrini as Council Chair and Box Elder County Commissioner Jeff Scott as Council Vice Chair for 2021-2022. [00:07:30] Motion was made to accept these appointments by Commissioner Jim Harvey and was seconded by UTA Trustee, Carlton Christensen. Voting in the affirmative was unanimous. Commissioner Stevenson then turned the meeting over to Mayor Silvestrini. [00:10:30] The WFRC Chair has made appointments of WFRC Members to the Regional Growth Committee (RGC), Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com), WFRC Budget Committee, Active Transportation Committee (ATC), and Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC). Appointments to WFRC and its Committees have also been made by the County Councils of Governments (COGs) and other appointing authorities that partner with WFRC. Updated WFRC Council and Committee membership lists were distributed at the meeting. [00:12:39] Mayor Robert Hale made a motion that the members of the Council endorse the appointments to WFRC Council and other Committees as listed. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

2b. Legislative update [00:14:29]

Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, and Andrew Gruber, WFRC, discussed the upcoming 2021 legislative session. Several key legislative items that WFRC is following are related to infrastructure. With the continuing pandemic safety guidelines in place, WFRC plans to hold weekly updates via Zoom on Thursdays during the session. Members in all levels of government and our partners are invited to join- 8-9:00am. Updates will also be sent, by email, which will include a bill tracker, including positions and priorities on legislation. [00:28:22] Remarks were also made by Jim Barker and Ryan Leavitt, with the consulting firm, Barker & Leavitt, regarding issues that are being addressed in Congress.

3. Public Comment [00:38:00]

Mayor Silvestrini opened the meeting for public comment. There were no comments.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:38:21]

Mayor Dawn Ramsey, RGC Chair, briefly reviewed the outcomes of the Regional Growth Committee (RGC) meeting held on January 21, 2021.

4a. Wasatch Choice new resources and progress assessment

Ted Knowlton and Nikki Navio, both with WFRC, reported on efforts in our region to address the dual challenges of growth and COVID-19 recovery through the Wasatch Choice regional vision, our shared framework that coordinates local planning with regional infrastructure planning. Communities have also been implementing the requirements from Senate Bill 34, the 2019 legislation that required development of moderate-income housing plans and enhanced coordination of housing and transportation.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:00:30]

Commissioner Jeff Scott, Trans Com Chair, informed the Council of the items that were discussed in the Trans Com meeting held on November 12, 2020.

5a. Report on Board Modifications to the 2021-2026 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, presented information regarding requests to modify the current 2021-2026 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the UDOT Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification and approved resolution have been included in the meeting materials.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2021-2026 TIP [01:04:00]

Mr. Wuthrich reported that WFRC has received several requests to modify the current 2021-2026 TIP with the list of projects included in the meeting materials. Mr. Wuthrich briefly discussed each project. **[01:10:27]** Commissioner Jeff Scott made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2021-2026 TIP as requested. UTA Trustee, Carlton Christensen seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. Executive Director's Report [01:14:00]

[00:54:33] Andrew Gruber, WFRC, recognized the newly appointed, Region Directors with UDOT. Rob Wight, UDOT Region 1, and Robert Stewart, UDOT Region 2. Mr. Gruber also introduced Marcia White, who will be joining WFRC as the Regional Economic Development Planner, and acknowledged Suzie Swim, who is celebrating 15 years with WFRC. Mr. Gruber concluded his report by emphasizing WFRC's commitment to equity in the programs and processes that staff administer.

7. Other Business [01:24:00]

The next Council meeting will be held on March 25, 2021.

8. Overview of Utah Open and Public Meetings Act [01:24:15]

With no further business, Mayor Silvestrini stated that Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Regional Council receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. Mayor Silvestrini said that an 8-minute video would be shown in order to comply with this requirement and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting upon completion of the training video. **[01:25:00]** Mayor Jenny Wilson made a motion to adjourn the Council meeting upon conclusion of the video. **[01:35:30]** The video concluded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.