



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES Wasatch Front Regional Council January 23, 2025

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom, on Thursday, January 23, 2025.

1. **Welcome & Consent Agenda [00:00:06]**

a. At 1:30pm, WFRC Council Chair, Mayor Dawn Ramsey, welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests. Chair Ramsey stated that prior to beginning with items on the agenda, the Council would have the opportunity to hear from Congressman Blake Moore [00:01:03] and Senator John Curtis [00:06:53], who each provided an update on the happenings in Washington DC with the new administration.

[00:18:05] Introductions were made around the table, and online. Members attending were asked to briefly introduce themselves. [00:26:25] **ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the first item on the agenda - the minutes of the October 24, 2024 meeting and Financial statements and check registers for September, October, and November 2024 and Budget/Expenditure Report to date. Mayor Tami Tran made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. **Chair Report [00:27:12]**

a. **ACTION: Appointments to WFRC Council and Committees**

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 2024 WFRC meeting, Council Chair Mayor Ramsey appointed a six-member Nominating Committee to propose a slate of officers for consideration. [00:28:07] Mayor Ramsey turned the time to the Nominating Committee Chair, Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, who stated that the Nominating Committee met in December 2024 and now presents recommendations for the following: South Jordan City Mayor Dawn Ramsey to remain as Council Chair and Commissioner Bob Stevenson to remain as Council Vice Chair for 2025-2026, as well as keeping the same leadership for the remaining committees. This will provide continuity and continue the strong and effective support structure that has been reflected for the past two years. [00:31:56] Mayor Ramsey and Commissioner Stevenson were willing to accept the Chair and Vice Chair roles for an additional term. [00:32:20] **ACTION:** A motion was made to accept the appointments of Council Chair and Vice Chair, Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs, appointed committee members, and endorse appointments made by the COGs and other entities, as presented, by Mayor Jeff Silvestrini and was seconded by Mayor Joy Petro. [00:32:40] Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, reminded the group that the Chair makes recommendations for some of the representatives to committees, and therefore recommends the 2025 committee memberships are accepted as noted in the meeting materials for 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 Council and the other Committees have also been made by the County Councils of Governments (COGs) and other appointing authorities that partner with WFRC. [00:34:40] Voting in the affirmative was unanimous. Updated WFRC Council and Committee membership lists were distributed at the meeting and will be posted on WFRC's website. [00:36:35] Mayor Ramsey recognized the outgoing members of the Council: now Senator Cal Musselman, and Holladay Mayor Rob Dahle. Mayor Ramsey also gave a few moments to new Council members, Mayor Monica Zoltanski and Representative Ariel Defay, to introduce themselves.

b. **ACTION: State Legislative Session and Congressional preview [00:40:21]**

Mayor Ramsey introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, who briefed the Council on several pertinent bills, focusing on key transportation, housing, and growth items, that are being tracked during this Legislative Session. [01:04:37] **ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to endorse the recommended positions as discussed. Commissioner Jim Harvey made the motion and Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded. The position approvals were accepted unanimously.

3. **Public Comment [01:05:25]**

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

4. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [01:06:36]

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair. Mayor Shepherd called on Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator, to provide the Trans Com information.

a. Board Modifications to 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Wuthrich noted that since the last meeting of the Council, WFRC staff received requests to modify the current 2025-2030 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission, but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modifications are included in the meeting materials, and Mr. Wuthrich stated that if there were any questions, he would be available to answer them.

b. ACTION: Board Modifications to 2025-2030 TIP [01:08:47]

Mr. Wuthrich continued, reporting that WFRC staff has again received several requests to modify the current 2025-2030 TIP and he briefly discussed each project on the list, also included in the meeting materials. **[01:17:39]**

ACTION: Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2025-2030 TIP as requested. Mayor Monica Zoltanski seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [01:18:38]

Mayor Ramsey requested that Mayor Bob Dandoy, RGC Chair, provide a report for the Regional Growth Committee.

a. Station Area Plan Certification - South Jordan TRAX stations

Mayor Dandoy asked Meg Padjen, Community and Economic Development Director at WFRC, to provide an overview of the Station Area Planning goals and requirements. Ms. Padjen then introduced the South Jordan TRAX Station Area Plan, which includes four stations: the South Jordan portion of 5600 W Old Bingham Hwy, South Jordan Parkway, South Jordan Central, and Daybreak Parkway. Mayor Ramsey and Steven Schaefermeyer, South Jordan City Planning Director, discussed the significance for South Jordan City and Daybreak residents.

ACTION [01:38:43]: Mayor Brandon Stanger of Clinton City made a motion to certify the South Jordan TRAX Station Area Plans. Commissioner Mike Newton seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Wasatch Choice Vision status update [01:41:45]

Mayor Dandoy then turned the time to Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Director at WFRC, who reviewed the progress of the Wasatch Choice Vision. Mr. Johner outlined the steps to develop the preferred scenario including how the input from the Fall 2024 Wasatch Choice Workshops is being addressed. The preferred scenario will be developed using an enhanced process designed to broadly explore transportation concepts. After this year and the development of the preferred scenario, the projects within the scenario will then be "phased" or prioritized - using a collaborative and rigorous process - prior to adoption of the Regional Transportation Plan by the WFRC Council, anticipated in 2027.

6. Reports [01:59:02]

a. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update

Mayor Ramsey called on Commissioner Gage Froerer, Chair of WFEDD, to provide an update. Commissioner Froerer reported that Spencer Eccles, Chair of *Utah Rising*, the newly launched, statewide, business-led plan for Utah's economy, gave a presentation on the focus of this project. Commissioner Froerer also stated that the WFEDD group is continuing to work on implementing tasks included in the current Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

b. Executive Director's report [02:01:48]

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, for his report. Mr. Gruber briefly mentioned that WFRC was selected for two of the three federal grant applications for which we applied. Mr. Gruber also acknowledged the exemplary service of two WFRC employees - Jory Johner with 25 years of service and Ben Wuthrich, for 30 years of service.

7. Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act [02:06:00]

Mayor Ramsey explained that, as part of WFRC's compliance and annual training requirements, a video on the Utah Public and Open Meetings Act was sent in the initial meeting email, and thanked those who have already completed the training and asked that everyone else please do so to fulfill the board's training requirements. She explained that the training video will also be sent in a follow-up email for those who have not yet completed it.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [02:07:26]

Mayor Ramsey asked if there were any other business items to bring forward. Hearing none, she stated that the next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 27 and adjourned the meeting at 3:37pm.

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2025 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				John Crofts, Davis Commissioner
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Tami Tran, Kaysville Mayor
Alternate -	Dennis Bott, Mayor	Brigham City	No	Scott Wiggill, Sunset Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Dave Maughan, Syracuse Mayor
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Mike Weichers, Ctnwd Hgts Mayor
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	Lorin Palmer, Herriman Mayor
Member -	Brandon Stanger, Mayor	Clinton	Yes	Dan Dugan, SL City Council
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	Karen Lang, West Valley Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY				Laurie Stringham, SL Co Council
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Sharon Bolos, Weber Commissioner
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Sheri Bingham, Hooper Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Jeff Acerson, UTA Trustee
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	No	Jared Hamner, Tooele Co Council
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	No	Cheri Jackson, Terrah Anderson
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	Yes	Colby Oliverson, Wendy Thomas
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	No	Doug Tolman, Alexander Johnson
Member -	Jeff Silvestrini, Mayor	Millcreek	Yes	Kevin Hicks, Forrest - guest
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Lisa Roskelley, Jeff - guest
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	Melanie Hall, Tooele Co - guest
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Nathan Cherpeski, Jay Fox
TOOELE COUNTY				Peter Asplund, Chandler Beutler
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	Martin Jensen, Kimberly Bell
Alternate -	Debbie Winn, Mayor	Tooele City	Yes	Julianne Sabula, Val Potter
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Steven Schaefermeyer
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Roger Borgenicht
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	John Curtis, Blake Moore
Member -	Robert Dandoy, Mayor	Roy	Yes	<u>WFRC Staff</u> , Andrew Gruber,
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	No	Jule Bjornstad, Lauren Victor,
UDOT & UTA				Sarah Lawless, Suzie Swim,
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	Yes	Tim Watkins, Johnnae Nardone,
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Chris Day,
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Hugh Van Wagenen, Matt Ryan,
Alternate -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA	Yes	Christy Dahlberg, Marcia White,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				Meg Padjen, Bert Granberg,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	Yes	Wayne Bennion, Ben Wuthrich,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities and Towns		Jory Johner, Chad Worthen,
Member -	Ari Bruening, Executive Director	Envision Utah	Yes	Marian Florence, Kevrine Wells,
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	Utah State Senate		Jordon Chandler,
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	Utah State House of Representatives	Yes	Rosie Hernandez,
Member -	Laura Hanson, UT State Planning Director	GOPB	Yes	Andrea Pearson

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting packet materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org