

MINUTES

Regional Growth Committee || March 21, 2024

A meeting was held on Thursday, March 21, 2024, at WFRC Offices, 41 N. Rio Grande St, Salt Lake City, UT and also via Zoom. The following were present:

MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT		OTHER APPOINTED MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES	
Dennis Bott, Member (Brigham City)	No	Natalie Gochnour, Member Utah Transportation Commission	No
Vacant, Alternate (Box Elder County)	–	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	No
Brandon Stanger, Member (Clinton)	Yes	Beth Holbrook, Member Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	No
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate (Bountiful)	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
Brian Horrocks, Member (North Salt Lake)	No	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	Yes
Tamara Tran, Alternate (Kaysville)	Yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Tony London, Member (Morgan County)	No	Kevin Cromar, Member Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
Mike Newton, Alternate (Morgan County)	No	NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT	
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan)	Yes	Ben Huot, Member Utah Department of Transportation	No
Alison Stroud, Alternate (Sandy City Council)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	No	Russ Fox, Member Utah Transit Authority	Yes
Dave Alvord, Member (SL Councilmember)	No	Nichol Bourdeaux, Alternate Utah Transit Authority	Yes
Monica Zoltanski, Member (Sandy)	Yes	Bryce Bird, Staff Representative Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
Vacant, Alternate (Salt Lake County)	–	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	No
Eric Barney, Alternate (Magna)	Yes	Rex Harris, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	No
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	No	Lorin Palmer Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes
Brett Hales, Alternate (Murray)	No	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	No
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	Yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	Yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Helen Peters, Alternate Salt Lake County	Yes
Sharon Bolos, Member (Weber County)	Yes	WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS	
Ken Phippen, Alternate (Farr West)	Yes	Lorene Kamalu, Member Davis County, Vice Chair	Yes
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) Chair	Yes	Robert Schmidt Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
Gordan Cutler, Alternate (Uintah)	No	Laura Hanson, GOPB	Yes
		Ginger Chinn, Utah Transportation Coalition	Yes
		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes
OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:			

Adam Olson, Midvale; Brandon Weston, UDOT;	WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson,
Mayor Nando Meli, Stockton; Deputy Mayor Kim Bell, Sandy;	Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez, Hugh Van Wagenen
Taylor Jensen, West Jordan; Paul Larsen, Brigham City	Nate Currey, Bert Granberg, Byron Head, Miranda Jones Cox,
Guests Via Zoom: Heather McLaughlin-Kolb; Shule Bishop;	Jory Johner, Megan Townsend, Madison Aviles, Chay Mosqueda,
Melinda Greenwood; Nathan Cherpeski; Wendy Thomas;	Lauren Victor, Christy Dahlberg, Julie Bjornstad, Marian Florence
	Tim Watkins, Matt Ryan, Sarah Lawless, Josh Reynolds

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:17]

Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director at WFRC, called the meeting to order at 9:26 AM as the Chair, Mayor Dandoy, was stuck in traffic. Andrea Pearson, WFRC read the online attendees, and introductions were made around the room. Andrew Gruber, Executive Director at WFRC, welcomed the new 2024 Regional Growth Committee Members and allowed them to introduce themselves.

ACTION [00:06:15] Carlton Chistensen, UTA Trustee, motioned to approve the [Minutes](#) of the RGC Meeting held on January 18, 2024. Mayor Tamara Tran, Kaysville City, seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Public Comment [00:06:47]

There were no public comments.

3. [RGC Roles, Responsibilities and Schedule for 2024](#) [00:07:09]

Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director at WFRC, reviewed the responsibilities, goals of the Regional Growth Committee, and its role within the Wasatch Front Regional Council and the Wasatch Choice Vision.

4. [2024 Utah Legislative Session Overview](#) [00:13:28]

Chair, Mayor Dandoy, turned the time over to Miranda Jones Cox, Governmental Affairs Manager at WFRC, who reviewed relevant transportation, housing, economic development and land use bills and appropriations from the 2024 Utah Legislative Session.

5. Regional Transportation Amendments [00:27:25]

- a. Mayor Dandoy then turned the time over to Julie Bjornstad, Senior Transportation Planner at WFRC, who outlined the proposed clarifications and minor adjustments to the Amendment Process for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). **[00:42:47]** [ACTION](#) Mayor Brandon Stanger, Clinton, made a motion to recommend that the Wasatch Front Regional Council direct WFRC staff to update the RTP amendment process as presented, and make any minor technical modifications as needed in consultation with the RGC Chair and Vice Chair, as well as adding a notification to all affected entities. Mayor Eric Barney, Magna, seconded the motion. After no further discussion on the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

- b. **[00:43:51]** Mayor Dandoy then turned the time over to Jory Johner, Long Range Planning Manager at WFRC, who reviewed Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 RTP. He emphasized that the Regional Growth Committee Technical Advisory Committees for both the Salt Lake City Urban Area and the Weber/Davis Area reviewed all projects at their February 21st meeting and unanimously recommended that the RGC approve the level 2 projects and send the level 3 projects to a 30-day public comment period. Jory then reviewed the technical considerations as well as the 12 Level 1 and 12 Level 2 amendment requests. **[01:17:22]** [ACTION](#) Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Sandy, made a motion to approve the Level 2 Board Modifications for Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 RTP. Mayor Lorin Palmer, Herriman, seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion was passed unanimously. Jory Johner then reviewed the 13 level 3 amendment requests, leading to a discussion among RGC Members. **[01:46:07]** [ACTION](#) UTA Trustee, Carlton Christensen, made a motion to release the Level 3 - Full Amendment projects and the air quality conformity determination found in Air Quality Conformity Memorandum #42 to a 30-day public comment period for Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 RTP. Mayor Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan seconded the motion. After no further discussion on the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

6. Planning Technical Assistance for Local Governments [01:49:11]

- a. Megan Townsend, Community and Economic Development Director at WFRC reviewed technical assistance programs as well as the 11 [Transportation and Land Use Connection Program 2024 Awards](#).
- b. Megan Townsend gave an overview of Station Area Planning and introduced the 7 stations up for review in West Jordan and Midvale. West Jordan's Mayor Dirk Burton and Senior Planner Tayler Jensen, gave a few highlights of their plan, and explained their excitement to work alongside Midvale for the 2 overlapping stations. **[02:01:28] ACTION** Mayor Stanger, Clinton, made a motion to recommend certification of the Station Area Plan covering the following stations in West Jordan: Bingham Junction, Historic Gardner, & West Jordan City Center. Mayor Tamara Tran, Kaysville seconded the motion. With no further discussion the motion was passed unanimously.
- c. Megan Townsend gave an introduction to Midvale's 4 station areas, and turned the time over to Adam Olsen, Midvale City Planner, who highlighted their plan. **[02:05:11] ACTION** Mayor Stanger, Clinton, made a motion to recommend certification of the Station Area Plan covering the following stations in Midvale: Bingham Junction, Historic Gardner, Midvale Fort Union & Midvale Center. Mayor Monica Zoltanski, Sandy, seconded the motion. After no further discussion on the motion, the motion passed unanimously.

7. [Key findings](#) from the 2023 Utah Moves Comprehensive Survey [02:06:38]

Mayor Dandoy turned the time over to Bert Granberg, Analytics Director at WFRC, who announced a forthcoming video showing changes in travel over the years.

8. Video: [Overview](#) of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act [02:09:55]

Mayor Robert Dandoy emphasized the necessity of conducting our annual Utah Open & Public Meeting Act Training. Consequently, Mayor Dandoy proposed an adjournment immediately after the video training. Mayor Tamara Tran, Kaysville, motioned to adjourn following the OPMA Training video, seconded by Mayor Eric Barney, Magna. The motion was unanimously approved.

9. Other Business and Adjournment [02:18:46]

Next meeting: May 16, 2024

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