



# WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

## DRAFT MINUTES

### Regional Growth Committee | May 16, 2024

A meeting was held on Thursday, January 18, 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	Yes
Vacant, Alternate (Box Elder County)	–	Kevin Van Tassell, Alternate Utah Transportation Commission	Yes
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	No
Tony London, Member (Morgan County)	Yes	Kevin Cromar, Member Utah Air Quality Board	Yes
Mike Newton, Alternate (Morgan County)	No	<b>NON-VOTING MEMBERS AND ALTERNATES PRESENT</b>	
Dawn Ramsey, Member (South Jordan)	No	Tiffany Pocock, Member Utah Department of Transportation	Yes
Alison Stroud, Alternate (Sandy City Council)	Yes	Andrea Olson, Alternate Utah Department of Transportation	No
Jenny Wilson, Member (Salt Lake County)	No	Russ Fox, Member Utah Transit Authority	No
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
Eric Barney, Alternate (Magna)	Yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	No
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	No	Rex Harris, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	Yes
Brett Hales, Alternate (Murray)	No	Lorin Palmer Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	Yes	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	Yes
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	Yes
Sharon Bolos, Member (Weber County)	Yes	Helen Peters, Alternate Salt Lake County	No
Ken Phippen, Alternate (Farr West)	No	<b>WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS</b>	
Robert Dandoy, Member (Roy) <b>Chair</b>	No	Lorene Kamalu, Member Davis County, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Yes
Gordan Cutler, Alternate (Uintah)	No	Robert Schmidt Utah Urban Lands Institute	No
		Laura Hanson, GOPB	No
		Ginger Chinn, Utah Transportation Coalition	Yes
		Reid Ewing, University of Utah	Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES PRESENT, including WFRC Staff:	
<b>Guests Via Zoom:</b> Heather McLaughlin-Kolb, SLCo;	<b>WFRC:</b> Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Kip Billings,
Nathan Cherpeski, Herriman; Lance Evans, South Weber;	Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez, Bert Granberg, Josh Reynolds,
Michelle Larsen, UTA; Bret Millburn, Draper; Shule Bishop, UTA;	Marcia White, Byron Head, Miranda Jones Cox, Julie Bjornstad
Terrah Anderson, GOPB; Kimberly Bell, Sandy;	Jory Johner, Megan Townsend, Madison Aviles, Lauren Victor,
Colin Hilton, Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation.	Dallin Borrowman, Minoo Abrishami, Matt Ryan,

**1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:03]**

At 9:20 a.m., Commissioner Lorene Kamalu, Vice Chair of the Regional Growth Committee, welcomed the members and guests to the Regional Growth Committee Meeting. Introductions were conducted both around the table and online. Vice Chair Kamalu excused Chair Mayor Dandoy and also acknowledged the passing of Sunset City Mayor Howard Madsen.

**ACTION [00:04:15]:** Clinton City, Mayor Brandon Stanger made a motion to approve the [Minutes](#) of the RGC Meeting held March 21, 2024. Commissioner Lorene Kamalu seconded the motion, there was no discussion, minutes were approved unanimously.

**2. Public Comment [00:04:47]**

There was no public comment.

**3. ACTION: Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan [00:05:21]**

Commissioner Kamalu introduced Jory Johner, WFRC Long Range Planning Manager, who provided a brief review of the amendment process and subsequently presented Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan. Mr. Johner reminded the committee that the level 2 amendments had been approved at the March 28th Council meeting, during which the level 3 projects were sent out for public comment. Following this, Mr. Johner reviewed the Level three projects, generating discussion among the group. Kevin Cromar of the Utah Air Quality Board and Professor Reid Ewing of the University of Utah discussed cost and benefit differences between bus rapid transit and light rail transit options for the Point of the Mountain Transit Project.

**ACTION: [00:38:58]** UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen made a motion to recommend approval of the level 3 - Full amendment projects and the air quality conformity determination, as outlined in Draft Air Quality Memorandum 42 for Amendment #1 to the 2023-2050 RTP by the Wasatch Front Regional Council at the May 23rd, 2024 meeting. Kevin Cromar from the Air Quality Board seconded the motion. With no further discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**4. The (potential) 2034 Olympics and our region's aspirations [00:40:25]**

Commissioner Kamalu introduced Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director at the Wasatch Front Regional Council, and Colin Hilton, CEO of the Utah Olympic Legacy Foundation. They led a discussion about the significance of hosting the Olympics in Utah in 2034 and how to leverage the long-term changes that could potentially benefit Utah's future.

Tiffany Pocock, representing UDOT, noted that the Statewide Trail Network aligns well with the Olympics, as people are inclined to utilize transit and active transportation to access events in the future. Regarding the leverage of transportation, Kevin Cromar, from the Utah Air Quality Board, mentioned that nothing has been more transformative for our transportation network than the 2002 Olympics. It significantly altered Utah's transportation landscape.

Concerning the leverage of land use and town centers, Mayor Brandon Stanger of Clinton City proposed utilizing our Town Centers to host watch parties and other events, thereby expanding the reach of the Olympics to a statewide level rather than confining it to Salt Lake City. Natalie Gochnour, a Utah Transportation Commissioner, emphasized Salt Lake City's prominent position among urban centers and its suitability for hosting the games, highlighting its status as a hub for sports entertainment culture.

**5. Wasatch Front Housing Inventory Explorer overview [01:43:26]**

Commissioner Kamalu introduced Bert Granberg and Josh Reynolds from WFRC's Analytics group, who delivered a presentation on the significance of having access to a Housing Inventory Data. They also highlighted key features and data points accessible in the Inventory Explorer.

**6. Other Business & Adjournment [01:55:31]**

Kip Billings, Transportation Engineer at the Wasatch Front Regional Council, gave a brief highlight of the completion of the new [Comprehensive Safety Action plan](#) and initiative.

**[01:59:30]** Commissioner Kamalu explained that the next Regional Growth Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, August 15th, 2024 at 9:15 AM.

**[01:59:58] Commissioner Kamalu adjourned the meeting at 11:20 AM**

*A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at [www.wfrc.org](http://www.wfrc.org)*