

MINUTES
WASATCH FRONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
March 12, 2024

A meeting of the Wasatch Front Economic Development District was held on
Tuesday, March 12, 2024, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom.

PRESENT	GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES	PRESENT	MEMBERS (Cont.)
Yes	Dave Maughan, Member Mayor, Syracuse City	Yes	Christina Oliver State of Utah Department of Workforce Services
No	Randy Elliott, Alternate Commissioner, Davis County	No	Darin Brush President, Davis Technical College
Yes	Blaine Fackrell, Member Commissioner, Morgan County	No	Edward Bennett Suazo Business Center
No	Robert McConnell, Alternate Commissioner, Morgan County	Yes	Ginger Chinn Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce
Yes	Karen Lang, Member Mayor, West Valley City	Yes	Greg Bisping EDCUtah
Yes	Kelly Bush, Alternate Mayor, White City	No	Guy Letendre UAMMI
Yes	Debbie Winn, Member, Vice Chair Mayor, Tooele City	No	Holin Wilbanks Forge Contractors
No	Tye Hoffman, Alternate Councilmember, Tooele County	No	Katelin Roberts Induction Bio
Yes	Gage Froerer, Member, Chair Commissioner, Weber County	No	Kent Anderson Davis County
No	S. Neal Berube, Alternate Mayor, North Ogden	No	Kersten Swinyard Salt Lake County
No	Ben Hart, Member Inland Port	No	Mauricio Melendez Traverse Tours
No	Ryan Starks, Member Go Utah (GOEO)	Yes	Michael Moore Hill Airforce Base
No	Daniel Royal, Alternate Go Utah (GOEO)	No	Michael Parker Let's Do Good
No	Kyle Palmer, Member Go Utah (GOEO)	Yes	Muriel Xochimitl XFactor
No	Mark Knold, Member DWS	Yes	Nicholas Fritz Intermountain Healthcare
No	Paul Drake, Member UTA, TOD	Yes	Paul Hacking President, Tooele Technical College
PRESENT	MEMBERS	No	Rachel Custer Tooele County
No	Aabir Malik Colmena Group	Yes	Sara Toliver Visit Ogden
Yes	Aimee Edwards Bio-Hive	No	Scott Parson Staker Parson
Yes	Alan Matheson The Point Authority	No	Scott Cuthbertson EDCUtah
No	Anthon Stauffer Romney Group	No	Shaleane Gee Zions Bank
No	Brad Mortensen Weber State	No	Shannon Ellsworth Rio Tinto
No	Brandon Wood Northwood Group	No	Shawn Milne Cache County
No	Cari Fullerton Bank of Utah	No	Stephanie McCarthy EDA Architects
No	Chanel Flores Davis County	No	Stephanie Russell Weber County
Yes	Chris Roybal NUEC	Yes	Susie Becker Zions Financial
Yes	Chris Sloan Group 1 Real Estate	No	Ty Bailey Manager, Morgan City
WFRC STAFF		OTHERS PRESENT	
Andrew Gruber Byron Head Christy Dahlberg Jordon Chandler Madison Aviles	Marcia White Matt Ryan Megan Townsend Rosie Hernandez Tim Watkins	Bryce Wurtsburg Gwendolyn Kervin Julie Snowball Sherry Stevens Steve Gale, Morgan City	Amanda Tullis

1. Welcome and Introductions [00:00:01]

Commissioner Gage Froerer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm and welcomed the committee. Introductions were made, and Rosie Hernandez, WFRC, read the names of those in attendance.

a. ACTION: Appoint Chair and Vice Chair [00:03:33]

Chair Froerer entertained a motion to ratify the WFEDD appointments as recommended by the nominating committee, and appoint himself as Chair, and Mayor Debbie Winn, Tooele City, as Vice Chair of the WFEDD. A motion was made by Chris Sloan, Group 1 Real Estate, and seconded by Mayor Karen Lang, West Valley City, to approve the Chair and Vice Chair as recommended by the nominating committee. Motion carried unanimously.

b. ACTION: Approval of the December 13, 2023, Meeting Minutes [00:04:34]

Chair Froerer entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the WFEDD meeting held on [December 13, 2023](#). A motion was made by Mayor Lang, and seconded by Ginger Chinn, Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce, that the minutes of the December 13, 2023, meeting be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chairs Report [00:05:16]

Chair Froerer took a moment to introduce and welcome the new committee members. [00:09:12] Chair Froerer shared the four key strategies of the Wasatch Choice Vision: Transportation Choices, Housing Choices, Parks and Public Spaces, and City and Town Centers. He stated that WFRC works with local communities, partners, and stakeholders to develop these key strategies, and reminded the committee that the key anchors and tasks within the newly adopted [2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#) (CEDS) augment these four key strategies of the [Wasatch Choice Vision](#).

3. Public Comment [00:18:00]

Chair Froerer opened the meeting to public comments. There were no public comments made.

4. Economic Development 2024 Legislation - Ginger Chinn / Andrew Gruber [00:18:16]

Chair Froerer turned the time over to Ginger Chinn, Salt Lake City Chamber of Commerce, who provided a recap on the outcomes pertaining to the 2024 Utah Legislative Sessions. Ms. Chinn provided updates on legislative changes related to housing, transportation, workforce development, infrastructure, homelessness, economic development and business, and environmental, social, and governance.

[00:36:13] Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, presented a summary of the 2024 Utah Legislative Sessions. He reported on topics such as funding and appropriations, shared principles for infrastructure investment, and provided updates on key legislation. Some of the highlights reported by Mr. Gruber included the breakdown of a \$1.2+ billion budget towards transportation infrastructure and other growth related appropriations. A copy of Mr. Gruber's presentation can be found [here](#), and a summary of the 2024 Legislative Session wrap-up provided by WFRC can be found [here](#).

5. CEDS Implementation Priorities 2024 - Marcia White [01:03:27]

Chair Froerer turned the time over to Marcia White, WFRC, who provided a brief overview of the prioritized tasks outlined in the newly adopted [2023-2028 Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy](#) for the next five years.

6. Utah Broadband Center - Rebecca Dilg [01:09:40]

One of the several tasks with the CEDS is to support the implementation of broadband within the Region. Chair Froerer turned the time over to Rebecca Dilg, Utah Broadband Center, who provided a brief overview of the five-year digital connectivity plan that was completed last summer to help guide the state in increasing high-speed internet access. A copy of Ms. Dilg's presentation can be found [here](#).

7. Overview of the Utah Public Meeting Act [01:34:14]

With no further business, Chair Froerer stated that Utah State law requires that elected officials serving on committees such as those of the Wasatch Front Economic Development District receive training regarding the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act. Chair Froerer 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 effective upon conclusion of the training video.

8. Other Business & Adjournment [01:32:05]

ACTION: Mayor Winn made a motion to adjourn the meeting upon conclusion of the video, seconded by Mayor Kelly Bush, White City. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The video concluded, and the meeting adjourned at 3:16 pm.

Upcoming Meetings & Events:

- *WFRC Regional Growth Committee, March 21, 2024, 9:15am*
- *WFRC Council Meeting, Thursday, March 28, 2024, 1:30pm*
- *WFRC Active Transportation Committee, April 9, 2024, 9:15am*
- *WFRC Transportation Coordinating Committee, April 25, 2024, 1:30pm*
- *WFRC Regional Growth Committee, May 16, 2024, 9:15am*
- *WFRC Council Meeting, Thursday, May 23, 2024, 1:30pm*

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