

**MINUTES**  
**WASATCH FRONT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**  
October 17, 2024

A meeting of the Wasatch Front Economic Development District was held on  
Thursday, October 17, 2024, at 1:30 PM, via Zoom.

| <b>GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES</b>  | <b>PRESENT</b>  | <b>MEMBERS (Cont.)</b>  | <b>Present</b>                                  |
|--|---|---|---|
| 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  | No  |
| Blaine Fackrell, Member Commissioner, Morgan County  | No  | Edward Bennett   Suazo Business Center  | No  |
| Robert McConnell, Alternate Commissioner, Morgan County  | No  | 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   | Yes   | Guy Letendre   UAMMI  | No  |
| Debbie Winn, Member, Vice Chair Mayor, Tooele City   | Yes   | Holin Wilbanks   Forge Contractors  | Yes   |
| Tye Hoffman, Alternate Councilmember, Tooele County  | No  | Katelin Roberts   Induction Bio   | No  |
| Gage Froerer, Member, Chair Commissioner, Weber County   | Yes   | Kent Anderson   Davis County  | No  |
| S. Neal Berube, Alternate Mayor, North Ogden   | Yes   | Kersten Swinyard   Salt Lake County   | No  |
| Ben Hart, Member, Inland Port  | No  | Mauricio Melendez   Traverse Tours  | No  |
| Ryan Starks, Member, GOEO  | No  | Michael Moore   Hill Airforce Base  | Yes   |
| Daniel Royal, Alternate, GOEO  | No  | Michael Parker   Let's Do Good  | No  |
| Kyle Palmer, Member, GOEO  | No  | Muriel Xochimitl   XFactor  | No  |
| Mark Knold, Member, DWS  | No  | Nicholas Fritz   Intermountain Healthcare   | No  |
| Paul Drake, Member UTA, TOD  | Yes   | Paul Hacking   President, Tooele Tech College   | No  |
| <b>MEMBERS</b>   | Yes   | Rachel Custer   Tooele County   | No  |
| Aabir Malik   Colmena Group  | No  | Sara Toliver   Visit Ogden  | Yes   |
| Aimee Edwards   Bio-Hive   | No  | Scott Parson   Staker Parson  | No  |
| 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   | Yes   |
| Brandon Wood   Northwood Group   | No  | Shawn Milne   Cache County  | No  |
| Cari Fullerton   Bank of Utah  | Yes   | Stephanie McCarthy   EDA Architects   | No  |
| Chanel Flores   Davis County   | No  | Stephanie Russell   Weber County  | Yes   |
| Chris Roybal   NUEC  | No  | Susie Becker   Zions Financial  | No  |
| Chris Sloan   Group 1 Real Estate  | Yes   | Ty Bailey   Manager, Morgan City  | No  |
| <b>WFRC STAFF</b>  |   | <b>OTHERS PRESENT</b>   |   |
| Andrew Gruber<br>Marian Florence<br>Jordon Chandler<br>Madison Aviles<br>Chay Mosqueda<br>Rosie Hernandez<br>Johnnae Nardone<br>Andrea Pearson | Marcia White<br>Megan Padjen<br>Byron Head<br>Matt Ryan | Abby Ivory<br>Gwendolyn Kervin<br>Alex Leonardi<br>Sherry Stevens<br>Katherine Lowe<br>Nate Lloyd<br>John Downnen<br>Steven Smith | Garritt Vander Linden<br>Al Notetaker - Michael |

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

Commissioner Gage Froerer, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:31pm and welcomed the committee. Introductions were made.

**a. ACTION: Approval of the June 13, 2024 Meeting Minutes [00:18:26]**

Commissioner Froerer entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the WFEDD meeting held on June 13, 2024. A motion was made by Mayor Debbie Winn, and seconded by Mayor Kelly Bush, that the minutes of the meeting be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

**2. Chairs Report [00:02:23]**

**a. Bylaw review and WFEDD financial report**

Commissioner Froerer introduced Marcia White, WFRC, who presented an overview of the WFEDD Bylaws to the group. [00:11:35] Marian Florence, WFRC, provided a report on the financial standing of the WFEDD program.

**3. Public Comment [00:13:43]**

Commissioner Froerer opened the meeting to public comments. There was one member of the public to make a comment.

[00:17:10] Commissioner Froerer made an agenda adjustment to accommodate presenters - Item 5 will be addressed prior to Item 4.

**4. The Economics of the Olympics - Nate Lloyd, Director of Economic Research, and John Downen, Senior Research Fellow, from Kem C. Garner Policy Institute (GPI) [00:47:03]**

Commissioner Froerer introduced Nate Lloyd and John Downen, both with GPI, who provided information on data collected from the 2002 Winter Olympics and the impact the Games had on Utah's economy. Given that Utah has several venues already available for the 2034 Winter Games, the financial picture looks different for the upcoming planning. Their presentations will be shared with the group in a follow up email.

**5. Economic Development and Wasatch Choice Vision Centers - Megan Padjen, Community and Economic Development Director, WFRC [00:19:30]**

Commissioner Froerer turned the time to Megan Padjen, WFRC, who presented on the different types of centers included in the Wasatch Choice Vision. Ms. Padjen explained what makes each center unique and how they benefit various communities. Additionally, Ms. Padjen mentioned new resources available to help communities incorporate these centers into their general plans. [00:35:00] Kearns Mayor Kelly Bush, North Ogden Mayor Neal Berube, Syracuse Mayor Dave Maughan, and Commissioner Gage Froerer (speaking of unincorporated western Weber County) discussed their experiences of the process of developing their community centers.

**6. Other Business & Adjournment [01:19:00]**

Commissioner Froerer asked if there were any other items of business to be brought forward. There were none. He reminded the group that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024. Commissioner Froerer entertained a motion for adjournment. Sara Toliver, with Visit Ogden, made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Ginger Chinn, with Salt Lake Chamber. The affirmative vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 2:51pm.