

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

Regional Growth Committee | | January 18, 2024 Draft Minutes

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	No
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	Yes
Kendalyn Harris, Alternate (Bountiful)	No	Carlton Christensen, Alternate Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees	Yes
Tamara Tran, Member (Kaysville)	Yes	Ari Bruening, Member Envision Utah	Yes
Brian Horrocks, Alternate (North Salt Lake)	Yes	Ryan Beck, Alternate Envision Utah	Yes
Matt Wilson, Member (Morgan County)	Yes	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)	No	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
Lorin Palmer, Alternate (Herriman)	Yes	Ivan Marrero, Member FHWA-Utah Division	Yes
Eric Barney, Alternate (Magna)	No	Rex Harris, Alternate FHWA-Utah Division	Yes
Cherie Wood, Alternate (South Salt Lake)	No	Natalie Hall Utah League of Cities and Towns	Yes
Brett Hales, Alternate (Murray)	No	Dina Blaes Utah Association of Counties	Yes
Kendall Thomas, Member (Tooele County)	Yes	Julie Fullmer, Vineyard Mayor Mountainland Association of Governments	No
Ed Hansen, Alternate (Tooele City)	No	Helen Peters, Alternate Salt Lake County	No
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:		
Tiffany Pocock, UDOT; Nick Norris, SLC; Doug Graham, UDOT;		WFRC Cont: Nate Currey, Marcia White, Byron Head, Matt Ryan
Guests Via Zoom: Wendy Thomas, Herriman; Shane Pace,		Jory Johner, Megan Townsend, Madison Aviles, Chay Mosqueda,
Heather McLaughlin-Kolb; Nick Tarbet, Brigitte Mandel,		Lauren Victor, Julie Bjornstad, Wayne Bennion, Bert Granberg
Steve Van Maren,		Kip Billings, Tim Watkins, Marian Florence, Christy Dahlberg
WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Andrea Pearson,		Ben Wuthrich.
Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez, Hugh Van Wagenen		

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:06]

At 9:18 AM, Mayor Robert Dandoy, Chair of the Regional Growth Committee, extended a welcome to the members and guests attending the Regional Growth Committee Meeting. Introductions took place around the table, and Andrea read out the names of those attending online.

ACTION [00:02:57] Tooele County Councilmember Kendall Thomas motioned to approve the minutes of the RGC Meeting held on October 19, 2023. The motion was seconded by Utah Air Quality Board Member Kevin Cromar. With no further discussion, the minutes were unanimously approved.

2. Public Comment [00:03:48]

There was no public comment.

3. Review: Draft Goals for the 2023-2027 Regional Planning Process (Wasatch Choice Vision and Regional Transportation Plan) [00:04:14]

Mayor Dandoy turned to Ted Knowlton, Deputy Director at WFRC. He provided a summary from the last RGC Meeting discussion about the issues and actions on which RGC members would like WFRC to focus. Following this, Mr. Knowlton, along with Julie Bjornstad, Long Range Planner at WFRC, led the discussion on the draft goals and guiding principles for the 2023-2027 Regional Planning Process.

4. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification Request: 13 Stations in downtown Salt Lake City [00:40:51]

Mayor Dandoy introduced Megan Townsend, the Community and Economic Development Director at WFRC. Megan gave an overview of the Station Area Plan Technical Assistance that is available, as well as the requirements under House Bill 462 from 2022. She explained that downtown Salt Lake City is looking to certify 13 stations:

- 900 South
- 600 South
- Courthouse
- Gallivan Plaza
- City Center
- Temple Square
- Arena
- Planetarium
- Old Greek Town
- Salt Lake Central TRAX
- Salt Lake Central FrontRunner
- North Temple Bridge/Guadeloupe TRAX
- North Temple FrontRunner

Nick Norris, Salt Lake City Planner Director, highlighted key points for the 13 stations and explained that the goal is to have the work done by the 2034 Winter Olympics, which are coming to Utah. Mayor Tamara Tran of Kaysville city, made a motion to recommend the 13 downtown Salt Lake City Station Areas to the Wasatch Front Regional Council for certification. Mayor Monica Zoltanski of Sandy city, seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Dandoy welcomed Kaysville City Mayor, Tamara Tran to the Regional Growth Committee.

5. Utah Legislative Session Overview [01:08:13]

Mayor Dandoy then passed the floor to Miranda Jones Cox, the Governmental Affairs Manager at WFRC. Miranda offered insights into the 2024 Legislative session, a 45-day period set to conclude on March 1st. Throughout her presentation, Miranda outlined WFRC's role in the Legislative session and delved into the essential aspects of this year's legislative landscape. Additionally, she shared resources available on WFRC's website to assist in tracking bills and appropriations.

[01:23:38] Mayor Dandoy announced that he would deviate from the agenda to give the floor to Laura Hanson from the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget. Ms. Hanson then discussed the 'Guiding our Growth' initiative, highlighting that the survey results strongly align with the Wasatch Choice Vision.

6. Potential Impacts of Federal Ozone Air Quality Standards [01:26:18]

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director at WFRC, explained that planning transportation and transit projects in Utah may face restrictions if the Air Quality Standards do not meet the federal Ozone requirements. After Mr. Gruber's explanation, Bryce Bird, Executive Director at the Utah Division of Air Quality took the floor to discuss Utah's existing Ozone standards and challenges, the consequences of nonattainment, and the strategy to meet the federal requirements.

7. Video: Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act [01:51:50]

Mayor Dandoy explained that, due to time constraints, the overview of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act will be tabled until the March meeting..

8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:52:06]

Mayor Dandoy explained that the next Regional Growth Committee Meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2024, while WFRC's full Council meeting will take place on Thursday, January 25th. Following this, Mayor Dandoy called for a motion to adjourn. Mayor Tamara Tran of Kaysville made the motion to adjourn, and Mayor Lorin Palmer of Herriman seconded it. With no further discussion, the **meeting adjourned at 11:11 AM**

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