



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) EXECUTIVE/  
BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16,  
2024, AT 3:00 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED WITH A VIRTUAL OPTION  
AT THE CWC OFFICES LOCATED IN THE BRIGHTON BANK BUILDING, 311  
SOUTH STATE STREET, SUITE 330, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.**

**Present:** Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair  
Christopher Robinson  
Tom Diegel  
Spencer Shaver  
John Knoblock

**CWC Staff:** Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director  
Sam Kilpack, Director of Operations  
Ron Stewart, CWC Auditor

**Opening**

- 1. Chair Jeff Silvestrini will Open the Public Meeting as Chair of the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee of the Central Wasatch Commission.**

Chair Jeff Silvestrini called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting to order at approximately 3:04 p.m. and welcomed those present.

- 2. Review and Approval of the Minutes from the September 3, 2024, Meeting.**

**MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE the September 3, 2024, Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes. Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Committee.

**Audit Discussion**

- 1. Auditor Ron Stewart will Discuss the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Audit.**

CWC Auditor, Ron Stewart, shared information about the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Audit. He reported that the fieldwork had been conducted. There is a new accounting standard called the Leasing Standards that were considered. All of the accounts are meeting accounting standards, but a change was made to the lease on the new building. As for the financial statements, there are some items he needs to handle on State compliance, but the notes should be written out in the next few days. That information will be ready for the CWC Board Meeting on October 7, 2024.

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2 **Legislative Field Trip**  
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4 **1. The Committee will Discuss the September 19, 2024, Legislative Field Trip.**  
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6 **A. Run-of-Show.**  
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8 Chair Silvestrini reported that he will be unable to attend the Legislative Field Trip due to the time  
9 change. Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, explained that the Legislators requested the start  
10 time of the field trip be moved up by one hour. As a result, it now starts at 9:00 a.m. and ends at  
11 1:00 p.m. She apologized for the changes that have been made to the date and time but noted that  
12 the intention is to accommodate the Legislators and their schedules. Commissioner Christopher  
13 Robinson felt that shift was appropriate, as it is necessary to consider the Legislator schedules.  
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15 Ms. Nielsen stated that an estimated 15 Legislators are joining the Legislative Field Trip. There  
16 is confirmation from the Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) that there will be representation and that  
17 a bus will be provided. She thanked UTA for providing the bus and driver to the CWC.  
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19 Representatives from the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) will be joining the field  
20 trip as well as the Co-Chairs of the Stakeholders Council, John Knoblock and Tom Diegel.  
21 Spencer Shaver from Save Our Canyons will be there. Additionally, stops will be made at Brighton  
22 Resort and Snowbird Center. Mike Doyle will share a brief presentation with the Legislators after  
23 arriving at Brighton Resort and then Barbara Cameron will share some remarks. From there, the  
24 field trip will move to the Snowbird Center where lunch will be served and there will be  
25 presentations from Dave Fields and Mike Maughan. That is the rough run-of-show for the day.  
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27 Commissioner Robinson explained that he will need to leave punctually at 1:00 p.m. Ms. Nielsen  
28 reported that CWC Staff will keep an eye on the time and make sure everything runs according to  
29 schedule. Chair Silvestrini asked to further discuss the proposed run-of-show for the field trip.  
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31 Commissioner Robinson wondered whether field trip attendees will enter the building at the  
32 Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy. This was denied. Ms. Nielsen explained that  
33 attendees will meet in the parking lot and get on the bus. The only building attendees will enter is  
34 Snowbird. Other than that, the attendees will be in parking lots or on the bus. Time is tight for  
35 the field trip, but she believes it is possible to stick to the timeline that has been established.  
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37 The latest version of the run-of-show document was reviewed. Ms. Nielsen reported that the bus  
38 will be waiting for attendees at 8:50 a.m. Commissioner Robinson noted that the weather should  
39 be favorable on the date of the field trip. Ms. Nielsen reminded those present that at the last  
40 Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting, some changes were proposed to the run-of-show.  
41 The latest version of the document indicates how the field trip will run. She has communicated  
42 with everyone mentioned on the run-of-show document and confirmations have been received.  
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44 **B. Talking Points.**  
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46 Chair Silvestrini reported that there were some talking points sent out last night for Commissioner

1 Robinson and others. The talking points were shared with the Committee. Chair Silvestrini stated  
2 that the goal is to present the resource as something that is worthy of protection and to make a case  
3 that there is a need for more protection. The Central Wasatch National Conservation and  
4 Recreation Area Act ("CWNCR") can be the vehicle for the latter. Ms. Nielsen explained that  
5 the overarching goal is to bring Legislators together to hear firsthand from the leaders of the four  
6 focus areas of the CWC: transportation, economy, recreation, and environment. Each of the  
7 systems is well represented throughout the run-of-show and presentations. Private property  
8 owners and residents of the canyons will be represented with the presentation from Ms. Cameron.

10 Another goal of the field trip is to address the needs of each of the systems in tandem with one  
11 another. That will be driven home in the closing remarks. At the beginning of the Legislative  
12 Field Trip, the overall goals for the day will be introduced and then there will be presentations. At  
13 the end of the field trip, Commissioner Robinson will tie everything together. The CWNCR is  
14 intended to address the needs of the systems, which can be mentioned in the closing remarks.

16 Commissioner Robinson asked who from the CWC Board will be in attendance at the Legislative  
17 Field Trip. Ms. Nielsen reported that Commissioner Bill Ciraco will be heading out of town, but  
18 will introduce himself at the beginning of the field trip. Kimberly Bell, who is on staff for Mayor  
19 Monica Zoltanski, will be at the Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy building.  
20 Mayor Erin Mendenhall will be out of town on the date of the field trip, but the Deputy Director  
21 of Salt Lake City Public Utilities will join the field trip at the Metropolitan Water District building  
22 as well. Mayor Dan Knopp and Ex-Officio Member Annalee Munsey will be on the bus for the  
23 Legislative Field Trip. Ex-Officio Member Carlton Christensen might participate as well.

## **Staff Announcements**

### **1. Proposed 2025 Meeting Dates Memo.**

29 Director of Operations, Sam Kilpack, reported that a memo with proposed meeting dates for 2025  
30 was distributed to members of the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee. She reached out to Mayor  
31 Mendenhall's office to see whether these dates would work for her. Her assistant stated that some  
32 of the times chosen on Fridays would not work well for her. As a result, the  
33 Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meetings scheduled for Fridays are from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00  
34 a.m.

36 Additional discussions were had about the memo. It was noted that the April 18, 2024, date should  
37 be shifted to April 21, 2024. This memo will be brought to the CWC Board at the next meeting.

### **2. Central Wasatch Symposium Budget Update.**

41 Ms. Kilpack shared information about the Central Wasatch Symposium. Terry Tempest Williams  
42 will be speaking and there are costs associated with that. There is also a catering quote. On  
43 January 9, 2024, there are two options for boxed lunches. On January 10, 2024, there is a desire  
44 to have evening appetizers and the quote is for approximately \$4,600. Some changes have been  
45 made to the program and it might be necessary to offer lunch on the second day, as it will run  
46 slightly longer than anticipated. There are different numbers, based on whether lunch is provided.

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2 Ms. Kilpack explained that if there are two lunches and one dinner, it will be approximately  
3 \$10,000 to \$11,000 for the three meals. The budget for the Central Wasatch Symposium is  
4 \$20,000. Between Terry Tempest Williams and the catering, it will be slightly over that amount.  
5 As for the event planners, the first half of what is owed has been paid already. The second half  
6 will be paid this year. That will be another \$2,500. Printed items still need to be purchased.  
7 Currently, the costs are around \$25,000, which is approximately \$5,000 over the budget.  
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9 Ms. Nielsen reported that there is a contingency fund in the current Fiscal Year budget of  
10 approximately \$60,000. If the first Central Wasatch Symposium goes over budget, there is a  
11 contingency that can be used to cover the difference. Commissioner Robinson asked for additional  
12 details about the budget numbers. It was clarified that the honorarium for Terry Tempest Williams  
13 is \$10,000. Ms. Kilpack explained that there is both the honorarium fee and the travel expenses  
14 to consider. She pointed out that there was approximately \$12,000 in unspent budgeted funds for  
15 the Central Wasatch Symposium in the budget last year. That can be utilized to cover the excess.  
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### 17 **3. Ex-Officio Membership Update.**

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19 Ms. Nielsen reported that Amber Broadaway, who is the President of Solitude Mountain Resort,  
20 and Spencer Shaver, who is the Executive Director of Save Our Canyons, have agreed to join the  
21 CWC as Ex-Officio Members, representing the economy system and the environment system. The  
22 Resolutions to formally approve and add that Ex-Officio Membership will be ready for the October  
23 7, 2024, CWC Board Meeting. Ms. Nielsen noted that a ski resort representative and a  
24 representative from the environment/conservation community will be added. She wondered  
25 whether their representation should be removed from the Stakeholders Council or whether that  
26 representation should remain on the Stakeholders Council. Chair Silvestrini preferred to leave that  
27 kind of representation on the Stakeholders Council as well, as the input there will be beneficial.  
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29 Commissioner Robinson agreed that the representation should be on both the CWC Board and  
30 Stakeholders Council. Tom Diegel also believes that should be the case. Ms. Nielsen noted that  
31 there have been discussions with Save Our Canyons and someone else from the organization can  
32 serve on the Stakeholders Council. She will need to touch base with the resorts about that.  
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34 Commissioner Robinson asked how Ms. Broadaway was selected as the representative for the ski  
35 resorts. Ms. Nielsen reported that the CEO of Ski Utah, Nathan Rafferty, reached out to the four  
36 General Managers. Based on their discussions, it was determined that Ms. Broadaway would be  
37 able to share knowledge about the ski resort operations. Though Mr. Rafferty has a vast  
38 understanding of the industry, he would not necessarily know about daily resort operations.  
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40 Mr. Shaver believes that someone from Save Our Canyons will be able to attend the Stakeholders  
41 Council Meetings as well as the subcommittees that he is currently involved with. There was  
42 support for that. Commissioner Robinson asked when the new Ex-Officio Members will officially  
43 be involved with the CWC Board. Ms. Nielsen reported that the vote will be taken at the next  
44 CWC Board Meeting. Those Ex-Officio Members will attend the meeting. She suggested moving  
45 that Action Item to the beginning of the meeting so all of the Ex-Officio Members can participate.  
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1     **4. Youth Council Updates.**

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3     **A. Outdoor Film Festival.**

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6                   **Salt Lake City.**

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8     Ms. Nielsen reported that the Outdoor Film Festival hosted by the CWC Youth Council will take  
9     place on September 18, 2024. It will run from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at The Front Climbing Club.

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11    **5. Board Meeting on October 7, 2024.**

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13    The next CWC Board Meeting will take place on October 7, 2024, from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

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15    **6. The Next EBAC Meeting is on October 21, 2024.**

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17    The next Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting will take place on October 21, 2024.

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19    **Other Business**

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21    John Knoblock reported that there is a Stakeholders Council Meeting scheduled for September 18,  
22    2024. During that meeting, there will be a discussion about the CWCNRA. The Stakeholders  
23    Council will have breakout sessions and will discuss the purpose and need of the CWCNRA.  
24    There will also be pros and cons of the CWCNRA discussed by Council Members at that time. He  
25    explained that the intention is to reach Stakeholders Council support. If there are issues or points  
26    of contention, there can be discussions to make sure everyone is in agreement and there is  
27    awareness of what issues the Utah Delegation might have with the CWCNRA. It was noted that  
28    the Outdoor Film Festival will take place shortly after the Stakeholders Council Meeting is held.

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30    **Closing**

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32    **1. Chair Silvestrini will Call for a Motion to Adjourn the Executive/Budget/Audit**  
33    **Committee Meeting.**

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35    **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to ADJOURN the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee  
36    Meeting. Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of  
37    the Committee.

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39    The Central Wasatch Commission Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting adjourned at  
40    approximately 3:38 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central*  
2 *Wasatch Commission Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 16,*  
3 *2024.*

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8 Minutes Secretary  
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10 Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_