

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH PRIVACY COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, February 12, 2025 ▪ 2:30 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting ▪ Anchor Location: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Conference Room, Heber Wells Building

**Participating Commission Members:**

Commissioner David N. Sonnenreich	Commissioner Josh Daniels
Commissioner Steve McCown	Commissioner Jeremy Baker
Commissioner Sam Smith	Commissioner Mike Smith
Commissioner Don Wood	Commissioner J. Kent Millington
Commissioner Jason Shelton	Commissioner Keith Squires

**Absent Commission Members:**

Commissioner Brandon Greenwood	Commissioner Chris Koopman
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**Other Attendees:**

Christopher Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer  
Micah Vorwaller, Office of Data Privacy  
Lana Taylor, Office of Data Privacy  
Denise Farnsworth, Office of Data Privacy  
Nora Kurzova, State Privacy Officer  
Mark Meyer, Assistant State Privacy Officer  
Bon Lee, Privacy Outreach Program Specialist  
Ric Cantrell, Chief of Staff, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Mandy Teerlink, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Tauna MacPherson, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Brian Nelson, Government Operations, Division of Technology Services  
Elliott Clark, Attorney General's Office  
Jeffrey Johnson, Utah System of Higher Education  
Laura Mendoza, Department of Natural Resources  
R Jorgensen, Department of Public Safety  
S Durrant, Department of Public Safety

Note: A copy of the meeting materials and an audio recording of the meeting may be found on the Public Meeting Notice website under the Utah Privacy Commission (listed as a public body under the State/State Auditor) on the February 12, 2025 meeting. These minutes may refer to the recording found on the Public Notice Website with the approximate number on the recording where an issue is being discussed.

**1. Welcome**

Chair Sonnenreich called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

**2. Approval of minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting**

Chair Sonnenreich asked for a vote to approve the January 8, 2025 minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shelton moved that the minutes of the January 8, 2025 meeting be approved. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Squires being absent. [Please refer to 00:01:38 in the recording to hear the motion.]

**3. Subcommittee Reports**

- a. The Training and Education Subcommittee met with Shane Paul from the Office of Data Privacy (ODP) to discuss virtual workshops, microtrainings, and other tools the ODP has been developing. The subcommittee plans to meet again in the upcoming weeks.
- b. The PIA Subcommittee met yesterday to review the PIA designed by Denise Farnsworth of the ODP. The document will be released next week.
- c. The Legislative Subcommittee met earlier in the week and discussed two bills that would impact privacy, both of which are on the agenda for this meeting.

[Please refer to 00:02:05 to hear the full discussion.]

#### **4. Pending Legislation**

- a. Data Privacy Amendments – HB 444  
State Privacy Officer Nora Kurzova and Chief Privacy Officer Christopher Bramwell presented the proposed amendments to the data privacy laws currently in effect in Utah. They highlighted changes that would affect Governmental entities, the ODP, and the State Privacy Office. The main objective of the amendments would be to clarify terminology, provide a more holistic framework for privacy requirements, and restructure data privacy governance in the state to have the ODP oversee implementation assistance and the State Privacy Officer focus on compliance as the State Privacy Auditor.
- b. Automatic License Plate Reader Amendments – HB 468  
Chair Sonnenreich tabled the discussion on this bill, due to an upcoming substitution that would affect bill.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Wood moved that the Commission officially support HB 444. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Squires being absent. [Please refer to 00:26:30 in the recording to hear the motion.]

[Please refer to 00:08:26 to hear the full discussion.]

#### **5. Report from the Office of Data Privacy**

Mr. Bramwell talked about SB 260, which establishes that each person has a unique digital identity. This concept was discussed in the 2024 Legislative Session and is now being revisited. Commissioners McCown and Sam Smith were consulted to assist with ideas and framework for the bill. The bill isn't creating a program but establishes framework for an eventual program. The intent of the bill is to provide greater trust when someone claims who they are and helping to distinguish between AI or bad operators and citizens.

[Please refer to 00:28:23 to hear this presentation and discussion.]

#### **6. Report from the State Privacy Officer**

Ms. Kurzova discussed the many bills affecting privacy that her team has been tracking so far in the session. They have reviewed 152 bills so far, and for some bills they have been able to provide recommendations to the bill sponsors to encourage privacy protection and transparency. Ms. Kurzova highlighted HB 270 and SB 226 as bills that raise particular privacy concerns.

[Please refer to 00:48:34 to hear this presentation and discussion.]

#### **7. Other Business**

The Commission may meet again before the scheduled March 15 meeting, depending on whether upcoming legislation prompts a need for further discussion.

**9. Adjourn**

Chair Sonnenreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

**MOTION:** Commissioner McCown moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.