

Board Members Meeting Minutes
Meeting held at UVU Young Living Alumni Center
Thursday May 22, 2025

8:00AM - 10:00 A.M. MST

Attending

Chris Bae

Robbie Bastian

Chelsey Curtis

Brian Epperson

Rob Gardner

Trina Limpert

Brian Murphy

Kara North

Kyle Reyes

Nathan Savage

Vanessa Sloan

Josh Woodbury

Excused

President Astrid Tuminez

Amy Sunderland

Shauna Smith

Kyle Cullimore

Staff Members

Julie Anderson

Clark Collings

Candice Gardner

Kara Schneck

Erin Fleming

Liz Sowards

Guests

Ana Chicuasunque

Skye Kaiser

Olga Mykytka

Mohamed Toure

Diego Martinez

Adrianna Oliva

Ana Caballero

1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS

Chair Nathan Savage called the meeting to order, with a quorum present at 8:05 a.m. MST. He welcomed the newest member of the board, Robbie Bastian, and recognized the new cohort of Foundation Ambassadors. He also excused, Kyle Cullimore the new Student Body President. He then turned the time over to Foundation CEO Kyle Reyes.

2. CEO REPORT

CEO Kyle Reyes opened his report by expressing President Tuminez’s sincere appreciation to the Board for its continued support and leadership. He emphasized the strong institutional momentum at UVU, particularly in the areas of educational innovation and organizational development.

Vice President Reyes then provided an overview of the current legislative and financial landscape, highlighting both opportunities and challenges ahead. He also shared encouraging updates on fundraising efforts, especially the ongoing success of the EverGREEN Campaign, which now includes over 100 major gift conversations in progress.

Reyes underscored UVU’s growing community impact through applied learning initiatives, such as student- and faculty-led disaster recovery efforts. These programs exemplify UVU’s commitment to delivering industry-aligned, real-world education that benefits both learners and the communities they serve.

He concluded with a preview of several key upcoming events:

- **August 15** – Grand opening of the UVU Soccer Stadium
- **Fall 2025** – Announcement of the master developer for the Vineyard Campus
- **December** – Ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new Engineering & Technology Building

3. PRESIDENT’S SCHOLARSHIP BALL

AVP Candice Gardner announced the date and theme of this year’s Ball: Saturday, October 11, 2025, “The Story of UVU”. Sponsorship opportunities are now open, and all board members are encouraged to attend, sponsor, and invite key contacts.

Candice also reviewed the sponsorship timeline and access. Priority access is available through June 1 for the Foundation Board, Board of Trustees, and Evergreen Society. Additional details can be found on the Foundation website.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Audit & Finance Committee

Chair Rob Gardner reported no issues, stating “no news is good news.” He encouraged Board members to share testimonials underscoring the organization’s strong financial stewardship.

Governance Committee

Chair Brian Epperson shared that the Committee is actively vetting new members and advancing major, transformational objectives. Efforts are focused on attracting high-impact contributors and exploring naming opportunities to enhance engagement and visibility.

Investment Committee

Chair Brian Murphy reported on the infrastructure investment strategy, which centers on a diversified global portfolio including airports, rail, and renewable energy. The portfolio is yielding strong returns and offers meaningful diversification benefits.

5. BIG IDEAS AND MOVING FORWARD

CEO Kyle Reyes provided a thoughtful reflection on the Board's engagement and strategic alignment, offering special recognition to Board Member Vanessa Sloan for her continued enthusiasm.

He previewed the upcoming Board Retreat, scheduled for August 21–22 at Sundance Resort, with the theme **“Innovate to Elevate.”** Kyle introduced the **“Big Idea” assignment**, encouraging each board member to come prepared to share a bold concept to help close the EverGREEN campaign. Presentations should include 1–2 slides per member and are due by **August 12.**

In support of retreat preparation, Reyes reviewed the Board Toolkit, highlighting key resources and tools designed to enhance meeting participation and engagement.

He also led an open discussion on current opportunities and strategic priorities, including:

- Developing the Vineyard campus as a Health Hub, with an emphasis on industry partnerships and innovation.
- Driving entrepreneurial regional growth.
- Expanding athletics and exploring NIL (Name, Image, Likeness) opportunities.
- Enhancing donor engagement, particularly among emerging philanthropists.
- Strengthening lifelong learning and alumni connections.

6. CONSENT AGENDA

Board members were asked to review the Consent Agenda before the meeting, which consisted of the following items:

- **Minutes** - Board 2.20.2025
- **Form 990** – Tax Return
- **Membership** – Kara North

On motion duly made, seconded, and unanimously carried the following Minute Action was taken. MINUTE ACTION: Approve Consent Agenda

Motioned by: Director Brian Epperson Seconded by: Director Brian Murphy. Motion: Passed

7. CHAIR MESSAGE

Chair Nathan Savage took the final minutes of the meeting to remind the board of the “why” and shared his excitement for the upcoming annual retreat. He then proposed to adjourn the meeting.

8. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 a.m. MST

Foundation Board Retreat: August 21-22, 2025

President's Scholarship Ball: October 11, 2025