



# Minutes

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION

**Salt Lake City  
Public Utilities Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
May 22, 2025**

The Public Utilities Advisory Committee (PUAC) meeting was held at 7:30 am on Thursday, May 22, 2025. Committee members that were present include Kathryn Floor (Chair), Chris Shope (Vice-Chair), Dani Cepernich, Tom Godfrey, Ted Boyer and Roger Player. Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees present were Laura Briefer, Jesse Stewart, Jason Brown, Tammy Wambeam, Jason Draper, Peyton Presnal, Mike Guymon, Lisa Tarufelli, Jacob Jorgensen, Mark Christensen, Audree Ketchum, Tamara Prue, Teresa Gray, Michelle Barry, Stephanie Duer, Chloe Morroni, Karryn Greenleaf, Nikole Bench, David Maiorano, Bernard Mo and Janine Calfo. Others present were Carly Castle with the SLC Attorney's Office; Austin Kimmell, Salt Lake City Council Office; Annalee Munsey, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy; Arnold Lopez and Paulino Estrada, La Flor; Brittany Sorensen and Zak Steele, Brown and Caldwell; Keith Larson, Bowen Collins; Fritz Doster, Barr Engineering.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Laura Briefer and Kathryn Floor welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

## **Approve Minutes of April 24, 2025, Meeting**

A motion was made and seconded to approve minutes of the April 24, 2025, PUAC meeting. All members voted to approve.

## **La Flor Request for Service Adjustment Finance Division**

Jacob Jorgensen and Lisa Tarufelli gave a discussion of the request. There were handouts given to the Members of the PUAC. A copy of those handouts is attached.

Laura Briefer gave a brief background on the city ordinances regarding service adjustments.

Jacob Jorgensen discussed the formal request by La Flor and an inspection was conducted at the business site. It was found that a changes in the machinery that increased water used and that there are other factors that can also change use. Chris Shope notes that this adjustment may set a precedent. Jacob responded that the new billing system should be able to handle these specific issues better in the future.

Arnold Lopez, from La Flor, submitted a graph that measures the water that is used in production.

Laura requested the PUAC to consider and approve the service adjustment based on the evidence provided.

Dani Cepernich motioned to approve with a change in the adjustment percentage, Ted Boyer seconded. All members voted to approve. The motion recommended a few options. The discount rate could be either 50% with no reporting requirements or 59% with La Flor updating us on any major changes in recipe or cleaning procedures that would impact water usage. Regarding the AWC, they recommended keeping it how it is and not adjusting based on the faulty solenoid. They left up to the Director to determine the back date to either Jan or Sept.

### **Budget Updates and Rate Presentation** **Laura Briefer**

Laura showed the presentation that she delivered to the City Council. A copy of that presentation is attached.

Examples of monthly water and sewer charges and the new rate structure were shown. There is a stronger conservation message with the new rate structure. Block rates for water will no longer apply to non-residential and multi-family customers.

Stormwater and streetlighting will not see structural changes. Stormwater is a fixed rate that will see a 5 percent increase in monthly charges. There is no change in the structural charge for streetlighting. A 15 percent increase in monthly charge will be implemented.

Jesse Stewart gave a brief demonstration of the rate estimator calculator that will be available online through the Public Utilities customer portal website.

### **Salt Lake City's Canal System** **Jesse Stewart, Deputy Director**

Jesse Stewart gave a brief overview of the canal system. A copy of that presentation is attached.

Jesse introduced Dave Maiorano, Irrigation Canal System Manager and Bernard Mo, Dam Engineer. Jesse gave a brief history of the water exchange contracts and the evolution of the canal system. Several examples of some current challenges with canals, including tree removal, unpermitted projects and structural damage were discussed.

### **Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

### **Other Business**



There was no other business discussed.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:03 am.**

**Next meeting will be June 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 am**

