

Spaceport Exploration Committee Agenda

Jul 28, 2025

8:00am - 10:00am

Senate Building Room 210

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84295574152>

- Welcome and introductions-Co Chairs
- Spaceport Fun Facts-Carlos
- Committee Mission-Senator Millner
 - Develop a recommendation on the viability of Utah developing a spaceport
 - UDOT Role
- FAA Coordination-Carlos
- Possible scope of work for consultant-Carlos
- Potential Site Visit-Sen Millner
 - Front Range Airport
 - Mohave Air and Spaceport
 - Spaceport America
 - Oklahoma City
- Action Items-Sen Millner
 - Request a review of Spaceport legislation
 - UDOT prepare RFP's for committee review
 - Committee Appointments
- Next Meeting

Spaceport Exploration Committee Members

| Name | Role |
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| Ann Millner | Co-Chair, Utah Senate |
| Carlos Braceras | Co-Chair, Utah Department of Transportation |
| Jerry Stevenson | Member, Utah Senate |
| Jefferson Burton | Member, Utah House |
| Val Peterson | Member, Utah House |
| Ben Hart | Member, Utah Inland Port Authority |
| Neil Holt | Member, USU Space Dynamics Laboratory |
| Bill Wyatt | Member, Salt Lake International Airport |
| Aaron Starks | Member, 47-G Utah Aerospace and Defense |
| TBD | Member, Military Liaison |
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| Doug Hurley | Member, Governor Appointee |
| Brian McCann | Member, Governor Appointee |
| Franz Busse | Member, Governor Appointee |
| Andy Pierucci | Member, Governor Appointee |
| Jefferson Moss | Non-Voting Member, Department of Economic Opportunity |

Spaceport Exploration Committee Support

| Name | Role |
|-------------------|--|
| Brian Bean | Utah Senate, Senior Policy Advisor |
| Leif Elder | Director of Policy and Legislative Services, Utah Department of Transportation |
| Troy Peterson | Director of Operations, Utah Department of Transportation |
| Matthew Maas | Director of Aeronautics, Utah Department of Transportation |
| Becky Carter | Executive Assistant, Utah Department of Transportation |
| Ellie Filimoehala | Utah Senate, Legislative Staff |
| Jordan Lee | Digital and Website Administrator, Utah Department of Transportation |

Effective 5/7/2025

72-10-1302 Spaceport Exploration Committee creation.

(1) There is created the Spaceport Exploration Committee, comprising of the following members:

- (a) two members of the Senate, whom the president of the Senate appoints;
- (b) two members of the House of Representatives, whom the speaker of the House of Representatives appoints;
- (c) the executive director of the department or the executive director's designee;
- (d) the executive director of the Utah Inland Port Authority created in Section 11-58-201;
- (e) the president, or the president's designee, of a nonprofit organization owned by Utah State University that is a University Affiliated Research Center that specializes in aerospace technology, missions, and defense;
- (f) two liaisons from local military organizations, whom the co-chairs jointly appoint;
- (g) the president of the state's largest aerospace and defense industry group as certified by the executive director of the department;
- (h) the executive director of an international airport within a county of the first class, or the executive director's designee; and
- (i) four members whom the governor appoints.

(2) The following shall co-chair the committee:

- (a) a committee member that is a legislator described in Subsection (1)(a) or (1)(b) whom the speaker of the House of Representatives and the president of the Senate jointly designate; and
- (b) a committee member whom the governor selects.

(3) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the appointing authority or qualification described in Subsection (1) applies to the replacement in the same manner as the filling of the original position.

(4) A majority of members of the committee constitutes a quorum.

(5) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses as allowed in:

- (a) Section 63A-3-106;
- (b) Section 63A-3-107; and
- (c) rules made by the Division of Finance according to Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.

(6) The department shall provide staffing and administrative support to the committee.

Enacted by Chapter 540, 2025 General Session