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
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

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