

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
JUNE 10, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Curt Doman  
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)  
Maria Garciaz  
Christian Gardner (Chair)  
David Parkin

J. Steve Price  
Alex Rose  
Bassam Salem  
Randy Shumway

EXCUSED

Jamie Sorenson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Derrick Anderson	Vice President, Enterprise Design and Policy
Bob Carter	Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
Troy D'Ambrosio	Chief of Staff and Vice President, Innovation, President's Office
Bryant Gordan	President-elect, Staff Council
Sean Grube	Associate Vice President, Housing and Residential Education
Chase Hagood	Vice Provost for Student Success
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Ischa Jensen	Associate Executive Director, System Planning University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Teresa Kehl	Deputy Chief of Staff, President's Office
Andrew King	Director, Campus Planning
Heather King	Associate Director, PR and Communications
Laura Marks	Special Assistant to the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Charlton Park	Chief Financial Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager, PR and Communications
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Richard Preiss	President, Academic Senate
Taylor Randall	President
Jenn Reed	Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
Jim Russell	Chief Design and Construction Officer
Collin Simmons	Executive Director, Auxiliary Services
Laura Snow	Special Assistant to the President
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Phyllis Vetter	General Counsel
Tony Wagner	Chief Financial Officer
Danny Wall	Administrative Director, Real Estate
Rebecca Walsh	Director, PR/Communications
Marie Wintriss	President, University of Utah Staff Council
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

OTHERS

David Anderson  
Angie Stalling

Chairman and CEO, University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation  
Deputy Commissioner and COO, USHE

**CALL TO ORDER**Information: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 8:07 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. He excused Trustee Jamie Sorenson who was unable to attend.

**GENERAL CONSENT**

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the May 20<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – ASUU 2025 – 2026 Budget (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Eccles House O&M Budget for the Period of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Appendix VI)

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by David Parkin second by Maria Garcias. Final**

**Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**ACTION AGENDA**

Action: 3.01 – Purchase – Approval of the Real Property Purchase Transaction

Danny Wall, Administrative Director, Real Estate presented item 3.01.

In 2020 the University Hospital group began the process of assembling land in West Valley for the expressed purpose of building a new hospital. This process was approved by the Board in late 2020 and sixteen (16) parcels containing approximately twenty-one (21) acres of land were acquired for approximately \$10,000,000. As the scope of the hospital project matured it has been determined that more land will be necessary to meet the project's long-term needs. As such, the Real Estate team has worked in

conjunction with local professionals to negotiate the acquisition of an additional four (4) contiguous parcels equaling 5.79 acres on the north side of our current holdings. While the cost of this acquisition will be slightly above market at \$25/sf, the overall assemblage cost to the University will average approximately \$15/sf. This cost is below the market value of the University's holdings, which is approximately \$20/sf.

The following is a summary of the land with their purchase terms:

Land to be purchased for a total price of \$6,557,522 plus closing costs.

Land Details

- Purchase: August 31st, 2025 (approximately)
- 5.79 Acres, 252,212 square feet
- Provides space for future expansion, temporary clinical space and prevents potential competition from other developers who might want to take advantage of proximity to a U-Hospital development.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to enter into the above-described purchase transaction. Acquisition of the land is contingent upon the completion and endorsement of the following due diligence times:

- Appraisal (In progress)
- ALTA Survey (In progress)
- Title Commitment (In progress)
- Phase I (In progress)

Purchase of the land will be completed using internal University resources

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the purchase of real property purchase transaction.

A copy of the presentation is included as Appendix VI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**Motion to approve item 3.01 by Maria Garcia, second by J. Steve Price Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway

#### Action: 3.02 – Capital Facilities Projects

Jenn Reed, Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services, presented item 3.02.

In response to the Board of Trustees Motion 3, (from the March 11th meeting), Auxiliary Services, Campus Planning, and Facilities Management are proposing two locations to construct parking garages. These garages will be funded with the bonding authorization received from the legislature in 2023. The new parking will help address growing pressures on parking availability for day-to-day campus operations and events. The graphic identifies the locations that have been selected to move forward with programming.

It is anticipated that only a portion of the full \$116 million authorization will be used to fund these two structures, preserving additional funding for future parking improvements.

Approval is requested to program and cost parking facilities on each of these sites. Staff will consult with applicable entities to determine the feasibility of additional programming opportunities beyond parking. Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the degree.

A copy of the presentation is included as Appendix VII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**Motion to approve item 3.02 by Katie Eccles, second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway

### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

#### Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner did not have any items of note.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

#### Report: 5.01 – Honors and Awards, Distinguished Visitors, Current Research, and Items of Interest

President Randall referred Trustees to the written report which was included in the meeting materials.

#### Report: 5.02 – Current Events

President Randall noted the following:

- June 13 – Groundbreaking of the University of Utah Hospital and Health Campus in West Valley
- July 16 – L.S. Skaggs Applied Science Building Ribbon Cutting

A copy of the report is included as Appendix VIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

### **SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS**

#### Report: 6.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Provost Montoya noted the following:

### **LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS/UPDATES:**

#### **FACULTY VOTE TO MERGE HUMANITIES AND TRANSFORM**

- The School for Cultural and Social Transformation and the College of Humanities have voted to merge.

- In an online vote held May 27 and 28, the faculty of the school and the college voted to consolidate the academic units currently in Transform into a new unit of the College of Humanities in a bid to strategically reinvest and share resources.
- Analysis related to implementing H.B. 265 made it clear that Transform, which was established in 2016 and remained a small school, would struggle under the budget cuts.
- Combining the school's divisions of Ethnic and Gender Studies, as well as the Pacific Islands Studies certificate program, and the Disability Studies minor, into a larger college will bolster support for student success and faculty research and teaching.
- Following the vote, a formal proposal will be submitted through the shared governance process, which includes votes by internal governance groups, as well as approvals by the Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Higher Education. The goal is to complete the merger by the end of 2025.

#### **DEAN PHILIP OSTEEN BEGINS ROLE AS CHIEF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OFFICER**

- College of Social Work Dean Philip Osteen has accepted an offer to serve as the inaugural Chief Behavioral Health Officer in Academic Affairs as part of the U's Wellbeing + Resilience effort.
- Dean Osteen began working in this new position effective June 1 while continuing to serve as the dean for the College of Social Work.
- He will report directly to the Provost and serve as an advisor regarding the university's role in various behavioral health initiatives.
- The state has made significant investment and commitment into building out a comprehensive roadmap for the behavioral health workforce in Utah. The U is well positioned to lead in this area.

#### **SEARCH UNDERWAY FOR DUAL CHAIR FOR ECONOMICS, QAMO**

- The U has started a multi-phase process to integrate the Department of Economics in the College of Social and Behavioral Science and the Division of Quantitative Analysis of Markets and Organizations (QAMO) in the David Eccles School of Business into a unified School of Economics.
- To begin this transformation, the U is searching for an academic leader who will chair both the Department of Economics and the QAMO Division, reporting to the dean of CSBS and the dean of the School of Business.
- A search committee supported by Peter Trapa, Vice Provost and Senior Dean for Liberal Arts and Sciences, is overseeing the process to identify and recommend candidates.
- The chair posting closes July 15, and appointment of the dual chair is expected in October.
- The dual chair will lead faculty from both units towards the development of a shared vision and implementation plan for a School of Economics, following all applicable university policies.

#### **STUDENT SUCCESS:**

##### **U ASIA CAMPUS CELEBRATES COMMENCEMENT**

- The University of Utah Asia Campus celebrated its annual Commencement on May 22, with Provost Montoya providing the keynote address at the ceremony.
- This year's UAC graduating class was the largest to date, with 179 graduates representing 12 countries.
- The largest number of this year's UAC graduates studied communications, with the second-largest group of students studying psychology.
- Historically, 87% of all UAC graduates become employed after graduation or go to graduate school.

Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

SVPAA Bob Carter noted the following:

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following individuals are stepping into new leadership roles:

- Kristina Callis Duffin, MD, MS, - Interim dean for the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine (succeeding Sam Finlayson). She will continue serving as department chair for dermatology.
- Kencee Graves MD, - Chief Medical Quality Officer (CMQO) for U of U Health, after serving as interim CMQO since June 2024.
- Alana Welm, PhD, - Department chair for oncological sciences, succeeding Brad Cairns, PhD., who served as chair for 14 years

NATIONAL RECOGNITION: TOP PLACES TO WORK IN HEALTHCARE

Becker's Healthcare named U of U Health to its list of Top Places to Work in Healthcare in 2025. This list recognizes organizations committed to supporting their teams through comprehensive benefits, opportunities for growth, inclusive and empowering work environments, and resources that promote a healthy work-life balance.

**ASUU UPDATE**

Report: 7.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Alex Rose referred Trustees shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix IX with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**ACADEMIC SENATE**

Report: 8.01 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Richard Preiss, president of the Academic Senate, referred Trustees to the Senate's written report.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix X with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**STAFF COUNCIL**

Report: 9.01 – Staff Council Report

Marie Wintriss, President, Staff Council, referred Trustees to the Staff Council's written report.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

### INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 10.01 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Information: 10.02 – 2024 – 2025 Tenure Consultation

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XII – XIII with the official minutes of this meeting on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

### CLOSED MEETING

Chair Gardner asked for a motion to close the Board of Trustees meeting for the purpose of discussing matters appropriate for Executive Session under Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act 52-4-205 (1).

The following has been approved by the Office of General Counsel:

1. To discuss character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual
2. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

**Motion to move into closed session by Randy Shumway, second by David Pakin. Final Resolution:**

**Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway

### ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Gardner recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 11:23 p.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on August 12, 2025.

**Motion to approve by Curt Doman, second by David Parkin. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.**

Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garcia, Christian Gardner, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 5 August 2025