



USU Board of Trustees Special Meeting (virtual only)

Thursday, May 22, 2025 at 4:00 - 5:00 PM MDT

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Agenda

Attendance:

Trustees:

Brandon Sorensen
Clark Whitworth
Dave Petersen

David Huntsman
Heather Mason
Jacey Skinner

John Ferry
Kent Alder

USU Representatives:

Al Smith
Bill Plate
Dave Cowley
Diana Sabau
Doug Bullock
Haley Klassen

JanaLee Johnson
Janalyn Brown
Jeff Aird
John O'Neil
Kerri Davidson
Krystin Deschamps

Larry Smith
Lisa Berreau
MaKenzie Stock
Mica McKinney
Todd Griffith

1. Welcome and Call to Order

4:03pm

Presenter: Chair Jacey Skinner

ACTION AGENDA

4:04pm

1.1. Recommend to Utah Board of Higher Education (UBHE) for approval: USU Strategic Reinvestment Plan

Presenter: President Al Smith

usu.edu/president/reinvestment/plan.cfm

President Smith provided an overview of the Strategic Reinvestment Plan, outlining several key areas targeted for disinvestment. These include program elimination, improvements in program effectiveness, cost efficiencies, streamlined instruction and programming, and enhanced administrative efficiency. The plan anticipates generating \$12.6 million in savings from these measures. These funds are proposed to be reinvested in three strategic categories: technologies and careers of the future, health and well-being, and initiatives aimed at improving workforce and student access, success, and outcomes.

No substantive feedback has been received from the Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) that would necessitate changes to the Strategic Reinvestment Plan. As such, the administration does not anticipate any modifications and is seeking general support from the Board of Trustees to proceed with the plan as proposed.

Appreciation was extended to President Smith, Provost Smith, the deans, faculty, and staff for their leadership, input, and effort under a compressed timeline.

Motion:

4:25pm

A motion was made to recommend advancing USU's Strategic Reinvestment Plan to the Utah Board of Higher Education and the state legislature for their consideration. Motion was moved by Trustee John Ferry and motion seconded by Trustee Kent Alder and Trustee Heather Mason. The floor was opened for discussion, but no further comments were made. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. Adjourn

4:26pm

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion moved by Trustee John Ferry and motion seconded by Trustee David Petersen. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.


Jacey Skinner, Chair


Janalyn Brown, Secretary

June 20, 2025
Date Approved

