

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH PRIVACY COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, September 10, 2025 ▪ 1:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting ▪ Anchor Location: Meridian Room B, Davis Conference Center

Participating Commission Members:

Commissioner David N. Sonnenreich	Commissioner Jeremy Baker
Commissioner Don Wood	Commissioner Ryan Arbon
Commissioner J. Kent Millington	Commissioner Jason Shelton
Commissioner Sam Smith	Commissioner Brandon Greenwood
Commissioner Micah Vorwaller	Commissioner Josh Daniels

Absent Commission Members:

Commissioner Steve McCown	Commissioner Tanner Jensen
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Other Attendees:

Nora Kurzova, State Privacy Auditor
Bon Lee, Privacy Audit Outreach
Brian Nelson, Office of Data Privacy
Kyle Lindquist, Office of Data Privacy
Riley Stratton, Office of Data Privacy
Mandy Teerlink, Office of the Utah State Auditor
Sydney Ohlensehlen, Office of the Utah State Auditor
Lana Taylor, State Privacy Ombuds
Elliott Clark, Attorney General's Office
Shanna Durrant, Department of Public Safety
Laura Mendoza, Department of Natural Resources
Jeffrey Johnson, Utah System of Higher Education
Natasha Naylor, Department of Health and Human Services
Shelly Teuscher
Eric Rooney
Brandon Crain
Anneliese Booher
Utah Association of Counties Conference Attendees

Note: A copy of the meeting materials and an audio recording of the meeting may be found on the Public Meeting Notice website under the Utah Privacy Commission (listed as a public body under the State/State Auditor) on the September 10, 2025 meeting. These minutes may refer to the recording found on the Public Notice Website with the approximate number on the recording where an issue is being discussed.

1. Welcome

Chair Sonnenreich called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm

2. Approval of minutes of the August 13, 2025 meeting

Chair Sonnenreich asked for a vote to approve the August 13, 2025 minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Shelton moved that August 13, 2025 meeting minutes be approved. The

motion passed unanimously, with Commissioners Greenwood and Baker. [Please refer to 00:02:49 in the recording to hear the motion.]

3. Introduction of New Commissioner

Chair Sonnenreich introduced Sheriff Ryan Arbon from Weber County, the newest commissioner.

[Please refer to 00:03:28 in the recording to hear the introduction.]

4. Presentation: Office of Data Privacy (ODP) Report on Specific Privacy Projects and Current Results

Two ODP interns presented findings from two different projects about data privacy. The first regarded privacy laws throughout the US. Most states were found to only have a minimal approach to data privacy legislation, and only 7 states have comprehensive privacy laws. The research focused on the application of data governance principles and found that most states didn't have legislation regarding access to records, data privacy roles and responsibilities, transparency, purpose and use limitations of data, and compliance.

The second presentation was a demo of AI frameworks and how Deepfake AI can be used and weaponized. An example of veteran disability disclosures in public property tax information was used to show how simple information can be used to scam VMA.

[Please refer to 00:06:45 in the recording to hear the presentation.]

5. Public Comment and Questions – Utah Association of Counties (UAC)

Various members of UAC provided questions and comments to the commission, led by Commissioner Wood. A consistent concern among participants is the lack of resources that counties and other local governments have to comply with the Government Data Privacy Act (GDPA), which requires new practices from all governmental entities to improve privacy in the state of Utah. Another concern was the ability to meet the GDPA's requirements in the allotted time.

Commissioners Wood and Vorwaller and Chair Sonnenreich responded to these concerns/questions.

[Please refer to 00:16:30 in the recording to hear all of the comments and questions.]

6. Report from the State Privacy Ombuds

State Privacy Ombuds Lana Taylor presented on the duties of a State Privacy Ombuds, which includes being a resource for complaints disputes among governmental entities and individuals. She also reviewed the processes currently in place for bringing a complaint or dispute to the Ombuds. The Ombuds is also obligated to report to the governing board regarding serious or repeated violations of data privacy.

[Please refer to 00:42:10 in the recording to hear the presentation.]

7. Report from the State Privacy Auditor

State Privacy Auditor Nora Kurzova presented the overall statutory responsibilities of her office and explained the process for selecting entities to audit. She also discussed ongoing surveys and projects that are meant to assess risk throughout the state.

[Please refer to 00:51:10 in the recording to hear the report.]

8. Report from the Office of Data Privacy

Commissioner Vorwaller briefly switched gears to his ODP role to inform the commission about the upcoming digital identity summit happening in October at UVU. Representatives from other states will also be attending the summit. Details are available at https://www.uvu.edu/herbertinstitute/data_governance/state_endorsed_digital_identity_summit.html.

[Please refer to 00:59:51 in the recording to hear the report.]

9. Overview of Commission's Report to the Judiciary Interim Committee

Chair Sonnenreich briefly outlined the commission report due to the Judiciary Interim Committee and the deadline for the subcommittee reports.

10. Subcommittee Reports

Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee: Commissioner Vorwaller will make some suggestions on legislative priorities, including provision for mass data transfers. The subcommittee will also be reviewing and recommending some terms and conditions that the ODP will assemble.

Education and Training Subcommittee: Commissioner Shelton reported that the subcommittee has focused on the privacy framework and reviewing the trainings available via the ODP. They are also trying to set up yearly trainings through UAC and the Utah League of Cities and Towns to help implementation.

Legislative Subcommittee: Chair Sonnenreich reported on several different legislative recommendations for the upcoming legislative session.

Cybersecurity Subcommittee: Chair Sonnenreich reported that the cybersecurity subcommittee has many different recommendations.

Privacy Impact Assessment Subcommittee: Commissioner Wood reported that the state's PIA document has been simplified with the ODP. The revisions should make the document more helpful to different entities. They are also working on partnering with UAC and the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

[Please refer to 01:08:20 in the recording to hear the reports and discussion.]

11. Other Business

Chair Sonnenreich reminded the public and commission of the October meeting that was moved to September 30th at the Capitol. This will allow the commission to put finishing touches on the report to the Judiciary Interim Committee before the submission deadline.

12. Adjourn

Chair Sonnenreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Shelton moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.