



**MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) EXECUTIVE/
BUDGET/AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025,
AT 3:30 PM. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED WITH A VIRTUAL OPTION AT THE
CWC OFFICES LOCATED IN THE BRIGHTON BANK BUILDING, 311 SOUTH STATE
STREET, SUITE 330, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.**

Present: Mayor Jeff Silvestrini, Chair
Christopher F. Robinson
Maura Hahnenberger

CWC Staff: Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director
Samantha Kilpack, Director of Operations

Opening

**1. Chair Jeff Silvestrini will Open the Public Meeting as Chair of the
Executive/Budget/Audit Committee of the Central Wasatch Commission.**

Chair Jeff Silvestrini called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. and welcomed those present.

2. Review and Approval of the Minutes of the September 22, 2025, Meeting.

MOTION: Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE the September 22, 2025, Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting Minutes. Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Committee.

Stakeholders Council Discussion

**1. Stakeholders Council Chair Maura Hahnenberger will Discuss the Work of the
Stakeholders Council.**

Chair of the Stakeholders Council, Maura Hahnenberger, shared information about the work of the Stakeholders Council. She reported that there is one action item that will come to the CWC Board at the next CWC Board Meeting, which is a letter directed to the rental car agencies. The letter asks the rental car agencies to provide information about the traction law and sticker program to anyone renting a vehicle. The main question that the Stakeholders Council had about the letter was whether it should come from the Stakeholders Council or the CWC Board. There was uncertainty about what the CWC Board's preference would be, so feedback is desired. Chair

1 Silvestrini thought it made sense for the letter to come from the CWC Board. He believed there
2 would be support for the letter. There might be some amendments made to the actual language in
3 the letter, but he assumes that the CWC Board would be interested in offering support. This could
4 be something that both the CWC Board and the Stakeholders Council submit to the agencies.
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6 **Board Meeting Agenda Review**

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8 **1. The Committee will Review the Tentative Agenda for the October 31, 2025, CWC** 9 **Board Meeting.**

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11 Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, shared the draft version of the agenda for the CWC Board
12 Meeting scheduled for October 31, 2025. She reported that it will be the final CWC Board Meeting
13 that Chair Silvestrini attends and it will take place at 9:00 a.m. There will be some Board Business
14 and Public Comment to start. Stakeholders Council leadership, Maura Hahnenberger and Dan
15 Zalles, will share updates about the work of the Stakeholders Council. There is a draft Millcreek
16 Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study update that will be shared during the CWC Board Meeting as
17 well. It was recently released for review and public comment. The comments on the draft report
18 will be available for CWC Board review. There will be a discussion about the previous
19 Transportation Work Session and the meeting agenda will end with some Staff Announcements.
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21 Chair Silvestrini asked if the Central Wasatch Symposium would be discussed during the CWC
22 Board Meeting. It was noted that it will be covered during the Board Business section of the
23 agenda. Chair Silvestrini thought it was important to encourage CWC Board Members to attend.
24 He stated that there was strong attendance at the last Central Wasatch Symposium. Commissioner
25 Christopher F. Robinson mentioned the Resolution related to new CWC Board leadership. He
26 asked who would serve as the new Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer. Ms. Nielsen
27 explained that Commissioner Robinson has agreed to stay on in the Secretary and Treasurer role.
28 Mayor Roger Bourke was not planning to run for another term as the Mayor of Alta, but has since
29 changed his mind. CWC Staff asked him to Co-Chair the CWC Board, which he has accepted.
30 Mayor Erin Mendenhall has agreed to serve as Chair of the CWC Board moving forward.
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32 Chair Silvestrini noted that at the last Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting, there was a
33 discussion about the Chair position. Mayor Mendenhall stated that she would consider serving in
34 that role, but nothing was finalized at that time. Ms. Nielsen explained that CWC Staff reached
35 out after the meeting and there has been consultation with her scheduler to make sure all of the
36 Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meetings and CWC Board Meetings work with her schedule.
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38 Ms. Nielsen reported that there will be a Memorandum of Understanding for the Ski Bus Priority
39 Access Program with Sandy City. It will be reviewed and considered during the CWC Board
40 Meeting as well. Commissioner Robinson asked about Mayor Bourke running for another term as
41 the Mayor of Alta. Ms. Nielsen explained that in 2021, he added his name to the ballot so there
42 would be more than one person running for Mayor. The original person on the ballot dropped out,
43 and then he was the only person on the ballot. That is what has happened this time as well. Ms.
44 Nielsen stated that she is excited to have him serve as the Co-Chair of the CWC Board.
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State Appropriation Request

1. The Committee will Discuss the CWC's 2026-2027 State Appropriation Request.

Chair Silvestrini asked that information about the State appropriation request be shared ahead of the CWC Board Meeting discussion. Ms. Nielsen reported that a memo has been drafted. Senator Kirk Cullimore has entertained sponsoring the appropriations request for the Legislative Session. The CWC is lucky to have him as a friend of the organization and a champion of the work. Ms. Nielsen explained that the memo outlines the appropriation request. What is shown is fairly standard and is what has been requested from the Legislature fairly consistently over the last few years. There might be a different request related to a Millcreek Canyon shuttle, but that depends on what the CWC Board would like to pursue. She reminded those present that a draft version of the Millcreek Canyon Shuttle Feasibility Study was recently shared with the CWC Board. It outlines the operational costs for a pilot program that operates in the summer months. It would serve the entire canyon and operate at 15-minute or 30-minute intervals. The operational costs are between \$300,000 and \$700,000, depending on what the service looks like. She noted that it is possible to make an appropriation request of that size. It is also possible to request some appropriation funding assistance for infrastructure improvements that are necessary for the parking and staging area and the capital costs. Discussions were had about the appropriation request.

Ms. Nielsen reported that the sum is approximately \$160,000 for what appears on the first page of the memo, which is standard. There is no dollar amount on the second page because that is still to be determined based on what the CWC Board would like to pursue. There will be a phone call with Jon Nepstad from Fehr & Peers soon and she can ask him questions based on the feedback received. Chair Silvestrini thought it made sense to ask for estimates from Mr. Nepstad to be added to the memo. There could be a few line items for the CWC Board to discuss. There would need to be clear information provided to the Legislature if there was an additional request made.

Commissioner Robinson asked how much the CWC is paying for lobbying. Ms. Nielsen reported that it is \$40,000. Commissioner Robinson thought the conversation should also involve the lobbyist in order to determine how much the appropriation request should be. Chair Silvestrini agreed. Ms. Nielsen explained that there is a meeting scheduled with the lobbying team.

Symposium Program Review

1. The Committee will Review the Tentative Program for the 2026 Central Wasatch Symposium.

Ms. Nielsen shared the tentative program for the 2026 Central Wasatch Symposium with the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee. She reported that Mayor Mendenhall has agreed to give the welcome address on January 8, 2025. The keynote speaker has not been confirmed yet, but should be confirmed shortly. For the Transit Building presentation, Caroline Rodriguez from High Valley Transit has confirmed that she will present. Ms. Nielsen stated that she is thinking of ways to include speakers from the Wasatch Front in the discussion about transit district building. The intention is to release the full program for the Central Wasatch Symposium on November 6, 2025.

1 Chair Silvestrini reported that there is a personnel matter that needs to be discussed.

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3 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved that the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee go into
4 CLOSED SESSION to Discuss Personnel Matters, as Authorized by Utah Code Ann. 52-4-
5 205(1)(a). Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent
6 of the Committee.

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8 The Executive/Budget/Audit Committee was in Closed Session from 3:48 p.m. to 4:10 p.m.

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10 **Closing**

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12 **1. Chair Silvestrini will Call for a Motion to Adjourn the Executive/Budget/Audit**
13 **Committee Meeting.**

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15 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to ADJOURN the Executive/Budget/Audit Committee
16 Meeting. Jeff Silvestrini seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of
17 the Committee.

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19 The Central Wasatch Commission Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting adjourned at
20 approximately 4:11 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central*
2 *Wasatch Commission Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday, October 20,*
3 *2025.*

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