



DEQ-LHD Governance Committee Minutes

September 23, 2025

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm

[Recording](#)

Attendance:

In-person: Dorothy Adams, Ron Lund, Phil Bondurant, Sarah Ward, Tim Davis, Jason Garrett, Ashley Sumner, Scott Braedan, Rachel Chamberlain, Christianna Johnson, Lisa Burr, Craig Silotti, Nathan Lunstad

Virtual: Jordan Mathis, Mat, Carlile, Joe Thomas, Jill Parker

1. Chair; Dorothy Adams
2. [Approval of August 26, 2025, Minutes](#)
 - a. Motion by Tim Davis to approve August 26, 2025 minutes
 - b. Second by Phil Bondurant
 - c. All in favor, none opposed
3. Beehive Emission Reduction Plan (BERP) Update
 - a. Christianna Johnson from the DEQ's Division of Air Quality provided an update on the Beehive Emission Reduction Plan (BERP), a state initiative funded by EPA's Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) program. She explained that a CPRG planning grant was awarded in 2023, resulting in a priority plan completed in 2024, with a comprehensive plan still in development. Christianna Johnson detailed the \$75 million CPRG implementation grant awarded in October 2024, which funds several new incentive programs, including half of the funding for electric vehicles for fleets, the EVRAP program for income-qualified individuals, and other transportation programs like EV chargers and e-bikes. She highlighted that while only a few health departments are administering the EVRAP program through sub-awards, it will be open to participants statewide, allowing all health departments to share information with their residents.
 - b. Application Process for BERP Programs Christianna Johnson clarified that individuals interested in programs like "Charge Your Yard" must apply online through the air incentives website (airincentives.utah.gov), and the DAQ team will review and approve applications. She also mentioned that fleet-focused programs would open in the coming months, and interested parties could sign up for email updates on the website to stay informed. Christianna Johnson noted that while presentations have been made to local government entities in the past, a larger push to disseminate information about the funding will occur in early 2026, particularly when applications officially open.
4. Approval of the [DEQ-LHD Coordination Efforts Report](#)
 - a. Motion by Phil Bondurant to approve the DEQ-LHD Coordination Efforts Report.
 - b. Second by Nathan Lunstad
 - c. All in favor, none opposed
 - d. Action Item:



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- i. DEQ will submit report to the Administrative Rules Review and General Oversight Committee before the November 1, 2025 due date.

5. DEQ-LHD Partnership Meeting Discussion

- a. Jill Parker discussed the rescheduled partnership meeting between health officers and the DEQ, proposing a move to early January, before the legislative session, to allow for more information on potential bill files. Jill Parker sought clarification on the goals for the meeting, suggesting intentions could include demonstrating collaboration between administrations, engaging lawmakers, or fostering relationship building between local health departments and DEQ staff. Tim Davis confirmed all three goals were desirable, emphasizing the importance of staff witnessing and experiencing the collaborative relationship, meeting with legislators to reinforce their united front, and building programmatic relationships between staff.
- b. Tim Davis mentioned the idea of holding the meeting during interim was for DEQ and local health officers in front of legislatures and show how we are working together.
- c. Action Items:
 - i. A tentative date of January 9, 2026, was agreed upon with the goal for Jill Parker to confirm with Jill Burton and Brian Cowan that the date will work.
 - ii. Jill Parker will send the draft agenda to Sarah Ward. Sarah Ward will distribute to the group.
 - iii. Sarah Ward will book the MASOB Board Room for the meeting and update the calendar invite from October 14, 2025 to January 9, 2026 once Jill Parker has the date confirmed.

6. HABS Workgroup Update

- a. Tim Davis provided an update on the Harmful Algae Blooms (HABs) subcommittee, stating that the first meeting is scheduled for October 29, 2025. He explained that the DEQ's Division of Water Quality, which already has a working group for communications, will prepare a presentation on current signage and discuss strategies for educating the public and promoting self-protection regarding HABs. Tim Davis confirmed that directors from Wildlife Resources, Forestry, Fire State Lands, State Parks, and Utah Authority would also be involved, aiming for a high-level discussion on policy direction and collective strategies for managing HABs. Jordan Mathis expressed optimism about reaching a consensus among state agencies and within the group, viewing it as an opportunity to highlight joint planning and efficient resource use to legislators in January.
- b. The local health department representatives for the workgroup are as follows.



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- i. Jordan Mathis; Bear River Health Department
- ii. Nathan Selin; Central Utah Health Department
- iii. Angie Jones; Davis County Health Department
- iv. Ron Lund; Salt Lake County Health Department
- v. Orion Rogers; Southeast Utah Health Department
- vi. Brady Bradford; Southeast Utah Health Department
- vii. Aja Martin; Summit County Health Department
- viii. Jason Garrett; Utah County Health Department
- ix. Daymon Swenson; Utah County Health Department
- x. Jonelle Fitzgerald; Wasatch County Health Department
- xi. Summer Day; Weber-Morgan Health Department

7. DEQ-LHD Rule Workgroup Update

- a. Tim Davis discussed the DEQ local health department rule work, mentioning that a meeting had occurred to review draft legislation, with minor tweaks to be made based on discussions. Tim indicated that Senator Sandall had committed to carrying the bill forward. Phil Bondurant noted that the local health department side was in a good position, and once modifications were made by the general counsel, the health officers would be in a position to fully support the efforts in the winter legislative session. Phil expressed gratitude to Sarah for her efforts in coordinating the work group, particularly with the involvement of both local health officers and CLEHA.

8. Other Items

a. New District Engineers

- i. Nathan Lunstad announced that DEQ is recruiting two new district engineers for Northern District and Wasatch Back, with positions to be housed at Bear River Health Department and Summit County, respectively. He conveyed excitement about expanding the district engineers and appreciated the support from local health districts in providing office space.

b. Sanitary Survey Subcommittee

- i. Nathan Lunstad mentioned that the sanitary survey season was wrapping up, and he looked forward to meeting with the sanitary service subcommittee, potentially in early November, after data becomes available. Phil Bondurant suggested coordinating a visit to St. George on November 13, 2025 to present to health officers, as it would be beneficial to discuss the sanitary survey data with everyone in the room due to past contentions.
- ii. Jordan Mathis will reach out to Southwest Utah Health Department again about participating in the workgroup.
 - 1. If Southwest is not able to send someone, include Paul Wright, the DEQ District Engineer for Southwest Utah.



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9. Next Meeting

Date: October 28, 2025

Chair: Nathan Lunstad

Agenda Items:

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10. Adjourn



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2024		2025	
Date	Chair	Date	Chair
January 2024	Kim Shelley	February 11, 2025	Ty Howard
February 5, 2024	Kim Shelley	March 25, 2025	Phil Bondurant
February 27, 2024	Brian Cowan	April 15, 2025	Tim Davis
March 2024	Nathan Lunstad	May 20, 2025	Tim Davis
April 23, 2024	Nathan Selin	June 24, 2025	Jordan Matthis
April 29, 2024 Partnership Meeting (moved to extra Governance meeting)	Ty Howard	August 26, 2025	Ashley Sumner
May 28, 2024	Phil Bondurant	September 23, 2025	Dorothy Adams
June 13, 2024	Kim Shelley	October 28, 2025	Nathan Lunstad
June 25, 2024	Brian Cowan	November 19, 2025	
August, 27 2024	Nathan Lunstad		
September 24, 2024	Nathan Selin		
October 22, 2024	Ty Howard		
November 19, 2024	Phil Bondurant		