

**MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF EXAMINERS**  
**Tuesday, November 10, 2025 • 10:45 a.m.**

Utah State Capitol  
Committee Room 445  
350 N. State Street  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Governor Spencer J. Cox  
Attorney General Derek Brown  
State Auditor Tina Cannon

Note: A copy of the audio recording of the meeting can be found at [pmn.utah.gov](http://pmn.utah.gov).

**1. Call to Order/Introductions – Chair**

Governor Cox presided and called the meeting to order at 10:48 a.m.

**2. Presentation on Board of Examiners – Act and Duties of Board – Scott Cheney**

Assistant AG Scott Cheney provided a presentation about the Board of Examiners' duties and procedures.

**3. Open and Public Meetings Act Training per Utah Code 52-4-104 – Elliott Clark**

Assistant AG Elliott Clark provided the required annual Open and Public Meetings Act training.

**4. Administrative Items**

**a. Summary of 2024 actions of the Board – Scott Cheney**

Scott Cheney gave a summary of the November 12, 2024 meetings minutes, which included Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services (DABS) over expenditures. DABS would be absorbing the over-expenditure in their budget. The second item was an excess damages claim that the Board had rejected and sent back for further developments on the timing.

**b. Approval of minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting**

**MOTION:** Attorney General Derek Brown called for a motion to approve the minutes for the meeting on November 12, 2024. State Auditor Tina Cannon moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**5. Summary presentation of pending excess damages claims**

**a. Maribelis Estela Rondon-Zamora/Orem City**

Grace Acosta presented a case on the drowning of a minor. Ms. Acosta stated there was not a sufficient amount lifeguards on duty. The lifeguard that was on duty was about 100 lbs. and didn't have the strength to swim to the bottom of the pool and rescue the minor. He had been under water for about 5 minutes before being rescued. He suffered severe brain damage. He requires 24 hours, 7 days a week care. Both his younger and older siblings are working to support the family while the mother cares for him. They are asking for \$7,000,000 for support.

**c. Timothy and Kathryn Cunningham/Tooele School Board**

Peter Mifflin presented on behalf of Timothy and Kathryn Cunningham who lost their 8-year-old son to a traumatic brain injury. They believe that the playground had not been adequately maintained. Mr. Mifflin is asking the Board of Examiners to appoint a Special Master that is independent and unbiased to appropriately evaluate the size of the claim.

**d. Erik Steckel/Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Service District**

Edward Havas presented on behalf of Erick Steckel. A Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling truck ran over Mr. Steckel while he was skate skiing in Sugarhouse Park and dragged him down the pavement causing serious injuries. The injuries were significant. The damage cap settlement with Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling doesn't cover the total cost of medical bills, medical and assistive devices, and lost wages. Mr. Steckel has cognitive aftereffects from brain injury: difficulty with short term memory, difficulty finding words, can't remember the names of people he is in conversation with. His fine motor skills are lacking. To this day he continues to be in therapy and rehabilitation. Mr. Havas is asking for the Board to offer a reasonable amount of additional compensation for Mr. Steckel

**6. Board discussion and vote on action related to the pending excess damages claims**

**MOTION:** Attorney General Derek Brown called for a motion to appoint a Special Master to the case of Maribelis Estela Rodon-Zamora/Orem City for a determination of liability and appropriate damages. State Auditor Tina Cannon moved to appoint a Special Master. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Attorney General Derek Brown called for a motion to appoint a Special Master to the case of Timothy and Kathryn Cunningham/Tooele School Board for a determination of liability and appropriate damages. State Auditor Tina Cannon moved to appoint a Special Master. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Attorney General Derek Brown called for a motion to appoint a Special Master to the case of Erik Steckel/Wasatch Front Waste & Recycling Service District for a determination of liability and appropriate damages. State Auditor Tina Cannon moved to appoint a Special Master. The motion passed unanimously.

**7. Other Business**

No other business was discussed.

**8. Adjourn.**

**MOTION:** Governor Cox called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. State Auditor Tina Cannon moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.