

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
NOVEMBER 13, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Curt Doman	Alex Rose
Katie Eccles (Chair)	Bassam Salem
Kathi Garff	Randy Shumway
Maria Garciaz	Jamie Sorenson
Steve Miller (via Zoom)	

EXCUSED

David Parkin (Vice Chair)

UNIVERITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Special Advisor to the President
Derrick Anderson	Vice President for Enterprise Design and Policy
Bob Carter	Executive Vice President, Health Sciences, and CEO, University of Utah Health
Troy D'Ambrosio	Chief of Staff, President's Office, and Vice President, Innovation
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Chase Hagood	Vice Provost for Student Success
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Gina Hawley	Chief Operating Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Lori Kaczka	Senior Director, Facilities
Teresa Kehl	Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the First Lady, President's Office
Andrew King	Director, Construction Project Management
Heather King	Associate Director, PR and Communications
Paul Kirk	Senior Associate Athletic Director for Strategic Communication
Paul Kohn	Sr. Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment and Student Success
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operating Officer
Ischa Jensen	Associate Executive Director, System Planning, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Laura Marks	Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Allie Menzdorf	President-elect, Staff Council
Mitzi Montoya	Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Robert C Muir	Administrative Services, Treasury Services
Melody Murdock	Director, Strategic Communications
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Charlton Park	Chief Financial Officer, University Hospitals and Clinics
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Richard Preiss	President, Academic Senate
Annalisa Purser	Director of Board Governance, Policy and Operations
Taylor Randall	President
Laura Snow	Interim Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences

Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Michelle Thompson	Manager, Office of Student Experience
Peter Trapa	Vice Provost and Senior Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Phyllis Vetter	General Counsel
Tony Wagner	Chief Financial Officer
Danny Wall	Administrative Director, Real Estate
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

**OTHERS**

David Anderson	Chairman and CEO, University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation
TJ Bliss	Associate Commissioner for Academic Affairs, Utah System of Higher Education
	University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics health care workers

**CALL TO ORDER**

Information: 1.01 – Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:03 a.m. in the S.J. Quinney College of Law, Room 6619. Chair Katie Eccles welcomed Trustees and others in attendance. She excused Vice Chair David Parkin who was unable to attend.

**GENERAL CONSENT**

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the September 9th Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Report of Investments Portfolio – for the Months of July and August (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – New Center – Virtual Skills and Workforce Trainer Service Center (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – New Certificate – Advanced Substance Use Disorder Treatment Training (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – New Dual Degree – Mechanical Engineering (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Discontinue Emphasis – Care Management (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – New Minor – Artificial Intelligence (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Name Change – Dance Program (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Restructure – Nursing Practitioner Programs (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Unit Change – Humanities and School for Cultural & Social Transformation  
(Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Disposition of Real Property – 10608 South Grandville Avenue, South Jordan, Utah to the City of South Jordan (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – New Policy – 1-022 Strategic Reinvestment (Appendix XIV)

Action (Consent): 2.16 – Revise Policy – 3-050 University of Utah Investment Policies (Appendix XV)

Action (Consent): 2.17 – Revise Policies – Staff Employment Policy Revisions: Policy 5-001, Policy 5-108, and Related Policies (Appendix XVI)

Action (Consent): 2.18 – Revise Policy – 6-401 Students of the University (Appendix XVII)

Action (Consent): 2.19 – Policy on Prevention of Abusive Coaching Practices (Appendix XVIII)

Action (Consent): 2.20 – Capital Facilities General Consent Projects (Appendix XIX)

Action (Consent): 2.21 – Naming – Hu Family Optics Teaching Laboratory Classroom in the Stewart Building (Appendix XX)

Action (Consent): 2.22 – Naming – Hu Family Digital Design Studio in the James LeVoy Sorenson Center for Medical Innovation (Appendix XXI)

Action (Consent): 2.23 – Naming – Dan & Barbie Spinazzola ‘Spinner’ Athletics Training Room in the Baseball Stadium (Appendix XXII)

Action (Consent): 2.24 – Naming – Facilities in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine  
(Appendix XXIII)

Additional clarifying comments were made prior to the motion to approve the general consent agenda items.

**Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Bassam Salem, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Kathi Garff, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – University Hospitals and Clinics Capital & Operating Budget – FY 2026

Chair Eccles thanked Dan Lundergan, Charlton Park, and Gina Hawley for the time spent with the trustees prior to today's meeting to review and go into depth on the budget. The hospitals and clinics annual budget is nearly \$3.5 billion – a significant part of the U's overall budget.

Executive VP for Health Sciences Dr. Bob Carter, Dan Lundergan, CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics and Charlton Park, Chief Financial Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, presented the FY26 University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics budget for review. It was noted that the budget was previously reviewed and supported by the Hospital Board. The operating revenue for fiscal year 2026 is \$4.24B and the operating expenses for fiscal year 2026 is \$3.90B and the operating gain is \$338,601M.

Charlton Park also provided a brief financial update for the hospitals and clinics on the first quarter of this fiscal year.

Several additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the proposed budget.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XXIV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**Motion to approve item 3.01 by Maria Garciaz, second by Jamie Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Kathi Garff, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – University of Utah Health System Board Bylaws

Executive VP for Health Sciences Dr. Bob Carter and Dan Lundergan, CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics, presented the University of Utah Health System Board Bylaws.

CEO Lundergan began by introducing the hospital board, describing it as a highly engaged and well-balanced group composed of both new and long-standing members. He emphasized the transition of the board into a system board, highlighting the members' expertise and dedication. Appreciation was expressed for their continued service and the importance of formally recognizing their contributions. Lundergan discussed board leadership alignment, noting that in the past, operations had been somewhat siloed. The new structure aims to unify the board, promote greater clarity in patient-focused initiatives, and enhance coordination across research and education. This change is also expected to improve decision-making by enabling broader budget discussions and better alignment between the School of Medicine and the Hospital, particularly regarding the campus master plan and new facility development.

CEO Lundergan addressed goal alignment between the School of Medicine and the Hospital, stressing the need for clarity, transparency, and accountability. The organization is at an inflection point, requiring adaptation to evolving state and federal dynamics while maintaining momentum toward excellence. He reiterated the institution's commitment to being an extraordinary organization and to continuous progress. In discussing societal impact, he noted the importance of aligning with the president's goals, stating that such alignment strengthens organizational clarity and supports a culture of transparency, collaboration, and accountability. These principles, serve as the foundation for the transformation effort.

Lundergan reviewed the timeline of the initiative, explaining that under Dr. Carter's leadership, an initial assessment and observation phase was followed by socialization of the proposal with the hospital board in June, then with the Board of Trustees. Over the summer, additional feedback was gathered from key stakeholders, leading to further refinement during the board retreat. This process culminated in a formal vote by the hospital board to adopt new bylaws establishing the system board. Lundergan noted that significant discussion and engagement had taken place throughout the process.

Dr. Carter thanked Dan Lundergan for his efforts in this transition. He announced that the new board will be named the University of Utah Health System Board, reflecting a broader purview that extends beyond the hospital and clinics to encompass all professional providers involved in patient care. Dr. Carter explained that this includes University of Utah practitioners who work in partner facilities, such as Intermountain and CommonSpirit hospitals, with more than 500 faculty and staff practicing across those systems. The new structure will enable the board to oversee clinical activities systemwide while maintaining the historical authority and scope delegated to the Board of Trustees.

Several additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the bylaws.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XXV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**Motion to approve item 3.02 by Bassam Salem, second by Alex Rose. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Kathi Garff, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – Remodel of Life Sciences Building

Vice Provost and Senior Dean of Liberal Arts and Sciences Peter Trapa presented about the remodel of the Life Sciences Building.

The majority of this space will be devoted to an undergraduate research program in the College of Science, the Science Research Initiative, which is driving enrollment interest, especially among first-year students and will help with other strategic academic priorities.

The SRI a cohort-based program, which has demonstrated a high impact on year-over-year retention. Other space in the building will include classrooms that are VR and AI ready and modular nature. The 40,000-square-foot project is anticipated to open in January 2027, pending approval.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XXVI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

**Motion to approve item 3.03 by Randy Shumway, second by Maria Garciaz. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Kathi Garff, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.04 – Naming – Facilities in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine

Vice President of University Advancement Heidi Woodbury presented namings within the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine.

ARUP Laboratories Anatomy Suite: In recognition of a \$5,000,000 gift from ARUP Laboratories, the University of Utah would like to name the anatomy suite in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

WCF Foundation Wellness Program Suite: In recognition of a \$1,000,000 gift from the WCF Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the wellness program suite in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

Mark and Kathie Miller Lounge: In recognition of a \$1,000,000 gift from Mark and Kathie Miller, the University of Utah would like to name a lounge in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

**Motion to approve item 3.04 by Kathi Garff, second by Curt Doman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Kathi Garff, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

## CHAIR'S REPORT

### Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Eccles noted that at the March 11 Board meeting, the Trustees passed several motions related to the campus physical development framework that was presented. Trustees expressed their support for the framework, its guiding principles, the defined campus districts, and the capital planning approval process. Recognizing the significance of this shift, the Board emphasized the need for a thoughtful and comprehensive approach—one that met both the current and future needs of the university and the state. Trustees asked university leadership to take a close look at existing infrastructure, particularly the location of the Jon M. Huntsman Center, as well as access, traffic, and parking. In addition, Trustees requested a review of strategies and opportunities for shared infrastructure and services across campus districts, focusing especially on housing and dining. They also asked for clear goals and measurable outcomes to ensure the university remains on track as this vision takes shape.

Chair Eccles noted that she has been meeting with university leaders to follow-up on these priorities and shared a brief update. She reported that significant progress is being made, with a strong emphasis on holistic and strategic planning. A comprehensive traffic and parking study is currently underway, and work continues to explore the future of the Jon M. Huntsman Center with consideration of both campus and community needs for a modern, multi-purpose arena. A dedicated housing and dining task force is actively reviewing infrastructure, policies, and practices to ensure alignment with the College Town Magic vision. Additionally, work is progressing on a refreshed five-year campus master plan shaped by academic goals, student life priorities, research ambitions, cultural offerings, and health care needs. While full updates and finalized plans are not yet ready to present to the Board, the university is taking the necessary time to ensure they are thoughtful, thorough, and aligned with the overall vision. Trustees will continue collaborating with university leadership through the Campus Master Plan Committee and look forward to sharing more detailed updates and engaging in further discussion. Chair Eccles indicated that the Board could anticipate updates after the beginning of the new year.

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

### Report: 5.01 – Report from University Administration

Due to time constraints, Chair Eccles referred Trustees to the written report for Administration, which was included in the meeting materials.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXVII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## **ASUU UPDATE**

### Report: 6.01 – ASUU Report

Due to time constraints, Chair Eccles referred Trustees to the written report for ASUU, which was included in the meeting materials.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXIII with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## **ACADEMIC SENATE**

### Report: 7.01 – Academic Senate Report

Due to time constraints, Chair Eccles referred Trustees to the written report for Academic Senate, which was included in the meeting materials.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXIX with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## **STAFF COUNCIL**

### Report: 8.01 – Staff Council Report

Due to time constraints, Chair Eccles referred Trustees to the written report for Staff Council, which was included in the meeting materials.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXX with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## **ALUMNI REPORT**

### Report: 9.01 – Alumni Relations Report

Due to time constraints, Chair Eccles referred Trustees to the written report for Alumni Relations, which was included in the meeting materials

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXXI with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

## INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 10.01 – Graduate Council Review – Atmospheric Science

Information: 10.02 – Graduate Council Review – Environmental Humanities

Information: 10.03 – Graduate Council Review – Mechanical Engineering

Information: 10.04 – Graduate Council Review – Mining Engineering

Information: 10.05 – UUHC Financial Pulse

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXXII – XXXVI with the official minutes of this meeting on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

Chair Eccles acknowledged the U health care workers who attended today's meeting and who also attended the September 9 meeting to share some concerns. Chair Eccles thanked them for their commitment to caring for patients and indicated that the issues raised--about compensation, staffing, and personnel--are managed by U hospital administrators and encouraged them to continue working with administration to address their concern.

## ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Eccles recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

At 10:30 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on December 9, 2025.

**Motion to adjourn the meeting by Jamie Sorenson, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved.** Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Maria Garciaz, Kathi Garff, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 9 December 2025