

PAYSON CITY
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING
993 S 1950 W, Innovation Center, MTECH Building, Payson Utah
Wednesday, November 12, 2025, 7:30 a.m.

CONDUCTING	Brian Hulet, Economic Development Director
MEMBERS PRESENT	William R. Wright, Mayor Larry Skinner, Resident Lynn Abplanalp, PPC Flexible Packaging Jim Rowland, Payson Santaquin Chamber of Commerce (7:40 a.m.) Kris Phillips, Stadium Cinemas (7:40 a.m.) David Charles, Business Owner Mark Kershaw, Resident Tyler Jones, Business Owner (8:15 a.m.)
EXCUSED	Kevin Johnson, Mountain View Hospital Ben Ford, Nebo School District
STAFF	Dave Tuckett, City Manager Robert Mills, Assistant City Manager (7:40 a.m.) Jill Spencer, Development Services Director Kim E. Holindrake, City Recorder Amalie R. Ottley, City Recorder
OTHERS	Kirk Beecher, Planning Commission

1. Call to Order

Brian Hulet called this meeting of the Economic Development Board of Payson City, Utah, to order at 7:35 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

2. Prior Minutes Approval

MOTION: Lynn Abplanalp– To approve the October 8, 2025, minutes. Motion seconded by David Charles. Those voting yes: Bill Wright, Larry Skinner, Lynn Abplanalp, David Charles, Mark Kershaw, and Dave Tuckett.

The motion carried.

3. Tour Innovation Center (7:40 a.m.)

Payson City staff and members of the Economic Development Board toured the Innovation Center at the MTECH Building. After the tour, members and staff discussed how to get the word out about the Innovation Center. Jim Rowland stated that newsletters get sent to members of the Payson Santaquin

Area Chamber of Commerce and he could include advertising for the center. Others recommended media advertisements and tours for other chambers. Robert Mills suggested that the website be built as soon as possible. Recommendations included introductions to local City Councils, youth groups, and other community boards when the director is hired and in place. It was agreed that social media is a tool that could get the word out quickly among youth and all community members alike. Brian Hulet stated that the structure for hourly rates and equipment rentals has not been finalized but is in the works. Board members wondered if competition would be created among other businesses in the area like printing and binding. Jim Rowland discussed the challenges that may come with people coming into the innovation center without prior knowledge of how to use specialized equipment. Board members discussed how education could take place like internships. Robert Mills suggested that with upcoming fee schedule updates at Payson City, the new fees associated with the Innovation Center be implemented. Brian Hulet asked what partnerships could be pursued to strengthen the Innovation Center. Robert Mills suggested that partnerships with financial institutions may help community members who are looking for financial assistance. Brian Hulet indicated other groups and organizations in Utah that may be willing to partner with the Innovation Center. Board members discussed how to reach and connect with universities and programs already offered in the county. Brian Hulet asked how the Innovation Center should be funded in the long term. Suggestions included memberships and user fees, public/private partnerships, and sponsorships. Further discussion on funding included ongoing donations from larger entities as well as businesses that started small and had success in the area. Members asked how donations would benefit local companies and how presentations could be made. Kim Holindrake stated that recognition and promotions could be included on the future website. Members suggested that businesses could participate in mentorships and be actively involved in programs if they chose to donate to the center. Lastly, Brian Hulet asked what outcomes would make the Innovation Center a success in 5 years. Jim Rowlan stated that highlighting success stories in the future would gauge how successful the Innovation Center has been for businesses.

4. Tour MTECH Building

Item not addressed.

5. Discussion Board Members (8:25 a.m.)

Brian Hulet and members discussed board member terms and how vacancies are advertised. Brian Hulet asked that advertising for board vacancies be pushed out now. Jim Rowland offered advertising in the chamber newsletter. Robert Mills suggested the implementation of an Innovation Center Committee. Kim Holindrake indicated that advertising includes the city's website and social media pages. Members and staff discussed how to target the type of board members needed for positions.

6. Committee Reports, Assignments and Goals (8:30 a.m.)

Businesses - Kris Phillips reported on a movie night event targeting medium-sized businesses in the area that will provide an opportunity to connect with city staff. Robert Mills reported that he visits local business every two weeks to interact with the community face-to-face.

Golf Committee- Kris Phillips reported that the next golf tournament is scheduled for October 1, 2026.

Education Committee – Mark Kershaw reported that he held an event with the goal to interact with local businesses and the chamber. He hopes that future partnering with the city will provide small businesses the connections they need with the Innovation Center and other opportunities in the area.

Downtown – Tyler Jones reported that he interacted with downtown business on recent concerns regarding street parking. He reported that the upcoming tree lighting event is in the works. Jim Rowland reported on upcoming holiday festivities on November 29th.

7. Retreat

Item not addressed.

8. Report on Things Happening in Payson

Mayor Wright discussed work with big box companies that may be interested in coming to the area. He stated that Fairfield Inn is in the building process near Walmart and has two lots nearby. Mayor Wright hopes that a restaurant would be interested in one or both of those lots. Robert Mills and Brian Hulet discussed building projects coming to the industrial and Redbridge developments in the city.

9. Report from City

Item not addressed.

10. Other

Item not addressed.

11. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.