

**MINUTES OF THE
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT
20 November 2025

BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Amanda Barth, Chair

Time: 12:35 p.m.

Place: 2215 North 2200 West, Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Trustees Present: Amanda Barth, Chair
Neil Vickers, Ph.D., Vice-Chair
Luz Escamilla (Attended virtually during Items 4 – 7)
Dr. Shireen Mooers (Attended during Items 3 – 12)
Van Turner

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO
R. Bradley Sorensen, Aerial Operations Supervisor (Left after Item 4)
Robert Czubak, MOCA Systems (Left after Item 4)

1. Roll Call:

Trustee Barth called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared.

2. Approval of the 29 October 2025 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:

The pending minutes of October's regular Board Meeting had been distributed to the Board Members previously, and no modifications were necessary. Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the 29 October 2025 Minutes of the Board of Trustees, the motion was seconded by Trustee Turner, and the motion carried with everyone in favor.

3. Presentation of the October 2025 Financial Statements and Approval of Bills for Payment:

The Trustees had received copies of October's Financial Statements earlier in the week. CFO Fairbanks noted receiving the following payments: \$8,105.40 towards the Prison Grant, \$202,567.37 for work on the RaHP VEC Grant, and \$3,500.00 from Central Life Sciences for some Ground ULV work. All expenditures were presented, with a total of \$461,912.57 being expended from the General and Capital Projects Funds. Special attention was paid to expenses over \$1,000.00. Documentation for the payments was reviewed when the checks were signed, and the credit card statements, supporting invoices/receipts for all payments, and Balance Sheets were made available for review. After everything had been presented, Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the October 2025 Financial Statements and bills for payment, and his motion passed unanimously after being seconded by Trustee Turner.

4. Updates on Construction:

Our Owner's Representative from MOCA Systems, Robert Czubak, provided the construction update. He reviewed Eckman Construction's 18 November 2025 milestone dates for December 2025 through March 2026, and he elaborated in detail on the project's current progress and challenges.

Aerial Operations Supervisor Sorensen provided an update on bringing the helicopter to Utah. Bradley Correa, who conducts helicopter maintenance for the Department of Public Safety, accompanied him on the trip. Mr. Correa inspected and verified that the Airbus was properly prepared for the trip out West. Fortunately, Nick McCoy, a helicopter pilot for Lee County Mosquito Control District, also agreed to assist AOS Sorensen in flying the Airbus back to Utah. According to regulations, the helicopter was inspected after ten flight hours. Because a few minor issues (that will be fixed under warranty) were discovered, it was decided to wait to conduct further flight training until the Airbus is in pristine condition.

Mr. Czubak and Aerial Operations Supervisor left the meeting at 1:51 p.m.

5. Update on Arbitrage Services:

The District contracted with The Arbitrage Group to research our Lease Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2020. They studied our bonds and quickly issued our arbitrage report: no current IRS payment or filing is required with respect to the current Installment Final cumulative arbitrage report.

6. Discussion and Approval for Website Services:

As a reminder, the Trustees previously passed a motion to allow staff the flexibility to explore bids up to \$50,000 for website design and development. Three formal website service proposals were received. Trustee Barth, Executive Director Faraji, GIS Specialist Dewsnap, and Education Specialist Rehbein reviewed the three website proposals and discussed the pros and cons of each one. The committee strongly recommended accepting the Web Design Proposal from Third Sun, for this proposal was far superior to the other two proposals. After some discussion, Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve contracting with Third Sun for basic services, with the option of taking advantage of other available services in the future. Her motion was unanimously approved after being seconded by Trustee Vickers.

7. Discussion and Approval for AMCA Sustaining Membership Dues:

Executive Director Faraji explained that AMCA membership has two categories: Individual Memberships that receive one vote (currently \$175 / year) and Sustaining Memberships that provide only one vote (this cost is based on an entity's budget and provides memberships to anyone affiliated with the entity. Our 2025 dues were \$5,250 and continue to climb because of our increasing budget). AMCA's recent election for the Vice President-elect position resulted in a "for-profit" candidate winning the election. This is at least a three-year commitment, for the Vice President-elect becomes the Vice President and then eventually becomes the President. The Utah Mosquito Abatement Association has sent a letter to AMCA expressing the opinion that it is uncomfortable with a "for-profit" individual representing the AMCA's "non-profit" initiatives. Our District also agrees with UMAA's position and would like the Trustees to approve requesting AMCA to review and modify their bylaws so this conflict of interest can be avoided in the future. The primary name and face of a non-profit association should not be led by an individual who works for a for-profit commercial entity. This is bad optics for the association and akin to a pharmaceutical representative being the president of the American Medical Association. The AMCA already has a position for an Industry Representative on its board of directors, which allows for-profit entities to express their interests and concerns. Our District works closely with Industry, as they are an integral component of integrated mosquito management. However, having a commercial partner as the head of the largest non-profit mosquito control association is not appropriate. Our District is not supportive of this election and we would like to ensure that this does not happen in the future. Trustee Vickers made a motion for SLCMAD to send a letter to AMCA requesting AMCA to look into modifying its bylaws or policies in order to eliminate future conflicts of interest in leadership positions. The motion also adopted the practice of temporarily obtaining Individual Memberships in the place of acquiring a Sustaining Membership until this issue is addressed and resolved. His motion was seconded by Trustee Turner, and it carried unanimously. (Trustee Escamilla had left the meeting just prior to Trustee Vicker's motion.)

8. Report on Attended and Reminder/Approval of Upcoming Training/Meetings:

- **UASD, 5-7 November 2025, Layton, UT**

Trustee Turner and Executive Director Faraji attended the first day of the Utah Association of Special Districts annual conference; Assistant Director White and CFO Fairbanks attended the remainder of the conference and participated in a variety of classes providing legislative updates and other imperative information and guidelines.

- **ESA, 9-12 November 2025, Portland, OR**

Executive Director Faraji, Laboratory Director Bibbs, and Molecular Biologist Byers attended and presented at this year's ESA conference. Trustee Barth was also in attendance. Executive Director Faraji conducted both business meetings at the conference, and this completed his term as President of the Medical, Urban, and Veterinary Entomology section of the ESA.

- **University of Utah, 3i Vector-Borne Diseases Networking Event, 8 December 2025, SLC, UT**

The Immunology, Inflammation, and Infectious Disease Initiative at the University of Utah Health was established on the premise that a better understanding of the 3i connections could fundamentally change the way we think about disease. At this event, members of our staff will meet with nearly every department at the University of Utah and other health members of the community who have an interest in or who are involved with 3i. Executive Director Faraji has been asked to conduct a presentation on District overview and activities.

- **DSLASA, 11 December 2025, MAD-D, Kaysville, UT**

Trustee Turner, Trustee Vickers, Assistant Director White, and Executive Director Faraji will be attending this board meeting on 11 December 2025.

9. Executive Director's Report:

The Trustees were given the following updates: 1) This month's Director's Report includes a publication, "Does the fungus among us increase trap fidelity?", written by our staff members and based on research conducted at our District. 2) Senator Wayne Niederhauser met with Executive Director Faraji and Assistant Director White to review mosquito surveillance data and to discuss the mitigation of mosquito control at the future homeless shelter within our District. We would like

to provide input in the landscaping designs, lighting, access, mechanical traps, repellents, and other methods that may assist in mosquito reduction and public health protection. Senator Niederhauser mentioned that our services could possibly be included in the Governor's Budget, which could provide consistent income every year like we receive from the Department of Corrections for mitigation at the State Prison. Architects have been hired to design this homeless facility, and the legislature is debating how to fund this new venture. The architectural team from AJC Architects has already reached out to start discussions. 3) An election will soon be necessary to replace Trustee Vickers as the Vice Chair, for he will become the Board Chair in January 2026.

10. Probable Agenda Items for 18 December 2025 Board Meeting, 4:00 p.m.:

- Executive Director's Report
- Website Update
- Construction Update
- Fraud Risk Assessment

11. Public Comment:

No public was present.

12. Adjournment:

Trustees Mooers and Vickers made and seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:43 p.m.; the motion passed unanimously.

Ary Faraji, Executive Director

Date

Amanda Barth, Chair 2025

Date