



Bear River Association of Governments

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GOVERNING BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 15, 2025– 1:00 PM

Cache County Administration Building - Multipurpose Room

179 N Main Street in Logan

In Person Meeting with Zoom Option

MINUTES

Attendees

Welcome, Introductions and Approve Minutes*

Commissioner Lee Perry, BRAG Chair, welcomed the new Cache County Executive, George Daines, to the BRAG Governing Board.

The minutes of September 3, 2025 BRAG Governing Board meeting were approved with a MOTION by Mayor Tyler Vincent, a SECOND by Commissioner Cox. The motion to approve the minutes PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

BRAG Service Delivery Update

In response to inquiries about the impact of the Federal Government Shutdown on BRAG programs, Lucas Martin, BRAG Executive Director, and BRAG Directors provided updates on specific programs. Details are listed in this linked document. [BRAG Programs Services Update 10-15-25](#). Overall BRAG is continuing service delivery in most programs. One that is currently not accepting applications is the HEAT program. Lucas shared the data that there are 2,100 applicants each year which is roughly 1% of the population in our area. The Human Services Department has received two new grants. The Benefits Navigator Program to help clients get off of public benefits. It is a three year grant for \$550,000. And the Earned Income Tax Credit, EITC Grant will be used to support outreach costs for the VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) program.

The Aging Department highlighted the return of the Veteran's Directed Care Program and the significant pressure on the Ombudsman program with requirements for all discharges to be 'investigated'. To compensate for the increased administrative load, they are looking to support the Ombudsman program through volunteers. Initially it would require several hours for the training, but afterwards would only be 2-3 hours per week to make the actual calls.

Message from Short Term Assistance for Rent (START) is to be on the lookout for emails regarding volunteer sign-ups for the Annual Point in Time Count, scheduled for January 28-30, 2026.

Representatives from Rich, Cache, and Box Elder Counties all attended the How to Apply Workshops for CDBG funding. The state is still waiting on the federal government for CDBG contracts.

Other directors reported business as usual.

BRAG Owned Housing Report

Lucas shared BRAG's strategic shift in housing strategy by being open to re-enter housing development with BRAG Affordable Housing Projects. The Community Needs Assessment (CNA) showed the housing deficit for households making 30% of the area median income has increased from 2,800 units to around 4,000. BRAG's goal is to own 126 units of housing over the next 3-5 years which would be 20% of the total number of the 630 housing choice vouchers. BRAG is looking for projects and partnerships as they consider affordable housing options to work towards this goal ([BRAG Owned Property Update](#)).



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Fraud Risk Assessment (Required by State Auditor)

Adam Chandler, BRAG Controller shared the Fraud Risk Assessment by way of information only. Again it was noted to have board members indicated they have completed the required trainings in response to question #5.

Cache County Happenings

- County Executive George Daines said he has been spending most of his time working on the Cache County Budget and how people perceive it.
- Other Cache County Officials shared that USU is in the final interview cycle for a new university president.
- The mayors have been individually ranking transportation projects to create a list for final projects. A discussion of the possibility of a combined Cache County Fire Department. Box Elder County thanked Cache County for donating some of their older fire trucks to some of their smaller towns for use. Box Elder County offered to share findings from their [Consolidation Feasibility Study Implementation Plan](#) from July 2024.
- Conversation around creating affordable housing that may require local government assistance in rezoning to simply help citizens understand the view of why different housing options are needed rather than just the costly free market. Sandi Goodlander shared a community developed by Nilson Homes in Weber County that she felt like got it right in many areas. It included options for first-time homebuyer assistance and incentives open to teachers and police officers for nice homes built right in the middle of the development.

Reports from Congressional Staff

Val Potter from Senator John Curtis's Office described the Federal Government Shutdown as an unfortunate circumstance. He noted that although it is taking time, it will improve. He appreciates BRAG staff for serving clients as best they can during this uncertain time. Senator John Curtis is hosting the 4th Annual Conservative Climate Summit on October 17, 2025 at the University of Utah.

Lisa Roskelley from Congressman Blake Moore's Office said the reports from BRAG about specific programs was very helpful to know the impacts of the Federal Government shutdown on BRAG. She noted the federal shutdown is about continuing resolution not necessarily about the budget. Utah hosted the National Federalism Initiative Summit in September. Congressman Moore has been throughout the district all month long being in contact with constituents, many who are frustrated with the federal government situation. In fact, 17,000 people joined his last Town Hall meeting. Moore is concerned about military families and the large federal workforce employees in our district. He noted that there are many following good leadership principles by opting to not get paid while their employees are not getting paid.

Nathan Jackson from Senator Mike Lee's Office shared similar sentiments about the government shutdown. He said Republicans are working on a subsidy for housing, but struggling with the Democrats who aren't willing to budge. Voting on this will take place soon. The Guarding Readiness Resources Act bill is being put into place to ensure federal funds are reimbursed to the National Guard for equipment and costs during state active duty. Basically it created a more direct and immediate path by redirecting the funds.



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Other Business

Sherry Stevens representing Utah Rural Outreach shared the following grant opportunities.

Rural Communities Opportunity Grant: Closes October 31

<https://business.utah.gov/rural/rcog/>

Rural Employment Development Incentive: Opens November 1-15

<https://business.utah.gov/rural/redi/>

Help spread the word for the Cache Summit on October 27-28, 2025 at the Riverwoods.

Link to registration - <https://www.cachesummit.com/>

Next meeting Governing Board meeting is December 17, 2025 at USU Brigham City Campus, Classroom D217

Lunch at 12:30 PM followed by the meeting at 1:00 PM

Adjourned at 2:15 with a **Motion** by Commissioner Cox and a **Second** by Mayor Vincent.