



# DRAFT MINUTES

## PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 15, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

### Members Present:

Sen. Derrin R. Owens, Chair  
Rep. Colin W. Jack, Chair  
Sen. David P. Hinkins  
Sen. Karen Kwan  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Rep. Carl R. Albrecht  
Rep. Walt Brooks  
Rep. Scott H. Chew  
Rep. Kay J. Christofferson  
Rep. Rosalba Dominguez  
Rep. Doug Owens  
Rep. Nicholeen P. Peck

Rep. Thomas W. Peterson  
Rep. Troy Shelley  
Rep. Rex P. Shipp  
Rep. Casey Snider  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

### Members Absent:

Sen. Scott D. Sandall

### Staff Present:

Samantha Hermany, Senior Policy Analyst  
Scott Elder, Associate General Counsel  
Samantha Merrell, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

## 1. Committee Business

Chair Jack called the meeting to order at 8:31 a.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Brooks moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 10.

### Yeas - 8

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. C. Jack  
Sen. D. Owens  
Rep. T. Shelley  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

### Nays - 0

### Absent - 10

Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. N. Peck  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Snider

## 2. Statutorily Required Report: Utah Energy Council

### [2-8 - Office of Energy Development Update \(Office of Energy Development\)](#)

Emy Lesofski, Director, Office of Energy Development, presented an update on the status of the Utah Energy Council.

Emy Lesofski responded to questions related to the Utah Energy Council.

## 3. Statutorily Required Report: Utah Energy Research Board

Emy Lesofski presented on the Utah Energy Research Board.

## 4. Statutorily Required Report: Energy Research Grant Program

Emy Lesofski presented on the status of the Utah Energy Research Grant Program.

Emy Lesofski responded to questions related to the Utah Energy Research Grant Program.

## **5. Statutorily Required Report: Energy Policy Review**

Emy Lesofski presented on the state energy policy and recommended no changes to the state energy policy at this time.

## **6. Statutorily Required Report: Strategic Energy Plan**

Cindi Eckhardt, Data Scientist, Office of Energy Development, presented on the implementation of the strategic energy plan set forth in H.B. 48, Utah Energy Act Amendments, 2024 General Session, and she and Emy Lesofski answered questions throughout.

Cindi Eckhardt concluded her presentation and responded to questions from the committee.

## **7. Statutorily Required Report: High-cost Infrastructure Development Tax Credit**

Emy Lesofski presented on the status the High-cost Infrastructure Development tax credit.

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to saunter at 9:12 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. C. Jack  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. N. Peck  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. T. Shelley  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. C. Snider

**MOTION:** Rep. Albrecht moved to cease to saunter at 9:32 a.m. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 15

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. W. Brooks  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Rep. C. Jack  
Sen. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. N. Peck  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. T. Shelley  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. S. Sandall

**8. Statutorily Required Report: Electrical Power Delivery Quality Plan**

[9 - Report: Electrical Power Delivery Quality Plan \(Public Service Commission\)](#)

[9-12 - Required Reports \(Public Service Commission\)](#)

Jerry Fenn, Chair, Public Service Commission, presented on the Electrical Power Delivery Quality Plan.

Chair Jack offered clarification on the difference between brown outs and black outs.

The committee discussed voltage sag events.

Jerry Fenn continued presenting.

**9. Statutorily Required Report: Forced Retirement of Electrical Generation Facilities**

Jerry Fenn reported that the Public Service Commission in the past twelve months has received no requests or notices that PacifiCorp intends to retire early any electric generating units in Utah.

**10. Statutorily Required Report: Large-scale Electric Service Requirements**

Jerry Fenn presented on the Large-scale Electrical Service Requirements report.

**11. Statutorily Required Report: Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund**

Jerry Fenn presented on the Universal Public Telecommunications Service Support Fund.

Jerry Fenn responded to questions from the committee.

Jerry Fenn continued presenting.

**12. Presentation: APEX Energy**

[13 - Discussion on the Value of Renewables \(APEX Energy\)](#)

Jeffrey Barret, Director of State Affairs, Apex Clean Energy, presented an overview of Apex and the clean energy industry and discussed the role of renewables in the context of increasing energy demand.



### **13. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Peck moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 12

Rep. C. Albrecht  
Rep. S. Chew  
Rep. K. Christofferson  
Rep. R. Dominguez  
Rep. C. Jack  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. D. Owens  
Rep. D. Owens  
Rep. N. Peck  
Rep. T. Peterson  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. W. Brooks  
Sen. D. Hinkins  
Sen. S. Sandall  
Rep. T. Shelley  
Rep. R. Shipp  
Rep. C. Snider

Chair Jack adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m.