

Approved: 1/5/2026

UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

December 1, 2025

UDOT Lester Wire conference room & Google Meets

Committee members at UDOT:

Rich Taxwood, Chairman, Ski Area Representative
Paul Johnston, Public Representative
Patrick Cowley, UDOT ex-officio member

Committee members Google Meets:

Russ Oberlander, Vice-chairman, Engineer
Steve Thygerson, Public Representative
Jeff West, Ski Area Representative

Committee members absent:

Seth Wallace, U.S. Forest Service Representative

Staff:

Brian Allen, UDOT
Rhett Arnell, UDOT

Others (Google Meets):

Danny McRae, Powder Mountain
Jason Davis, Alta
Nick Dana, Park City Resort
Gustavo Gonzales, MCP
Zach Doyle, Brighton
Seth Haddick, Wasatch Peaks Ranch
Brandon Nelson, Sundance
Kiel Mapes, Doppelmayr
Robert Langlands, Skytrac
Jeff Peterson, Iron Mountain Engineering
Ryan Livingston, Elevation Engineering
Kyle Griffith, Wasatch Peaks Ranch

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 3, 2025 meeting were reviewed.

Following the review Russ Oberlander made a motion to approve the minutes and Jeff West seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Qualified Engineer application: Ryan Livingston

The committee members had reviewed the application. Ryan Livingston briefly explained work experience and recent ropeway projects. Following the discussion Steve Thygerson made a motion to approve Ryan Livingston as a Qualified Engineer and Ropeway inspector. Rich Taxwood seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Air Space exception request: Wasatch Peaks Ranch Gondola

There were two exception requests for the Wasatch Peaks Gondola. One was for the building that is being constructed. The second is for the mobile crane that will be used this winter to construct the building. Seth Haddick with Wasatch Peaks Ranch and Jeff Peterson with Iron Mountain Engineering reviewed the 6 items that will be incorporated into the construction of the building to mitigate potential issues for having the building within the air space of the lift. They also reviewed the operation of the mobile crane, which will be very similar to the operation of the tower crane used near the lift last winter.

Following the presentation and discussion Paul Johnston made a motion to approve each of the air space exception requests and Russ Oberlander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

IV. Open Discussion / Questions

The areas and lift manufacturers present gave a brief update on the recent activities. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.