

**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.