

**MINUTES OF THE  
SALT LAKE CITY MOSQUITO ABATEMENT DISTRICT  
18 December 2025  
  
BOARD MEETING**

Presiding: Amanda Barth, Chair

Time: 4:23 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 1 to 7)  
Dr. Shireen Mooers  
Van Turner

Others Present: Ary Faraji, Ph.D., Executive Director  
Gregory White, Ph.D., Assistant Director  
Aleta Fairbanks, CPA, CFO

**1. Roll Call:**

Trustee Barth called the meeting to order at 4:23 p.m. and confirmed that the meeting was being recorded. No conflicts of interest were declared.

**2. Approval of the 20 November 2025 Minutes of the Board of Trustees:**

The pending minutes of November's regular Board Meeting had been distributed to the Board Members previously, and no modifications were necessary. Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 20 November 2025 Minutes of the Board of Trustees; the motion was seconded by Trustee Turner and carried unanimously.

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

The Trustees had received copies of November's Financial Statements earlier in the week. CFO Fairbanks mentioned that no unusual payments had been received during November. Interest income of \$63,636.78 was distributed between the General Fund and Capital Projects Fund, and \$233,033.04 had been expended

from the General Fund. All expenditures were presented, with special attention being paid to items 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. Trustee Vickers made a motion to approve the November 2025 Financial Statements and bills for payment; Trustee Mooers seconded the motion, and it passed with all in favor.

**4. Discussion and Approval for Appointment of District Chief Administrative Officer and Records Officer:**

When CFO Fairbanks attended this year's Utah Association of Special Districts Conference, she learned about the new Utah Government Data Privacy Act. Two of the recommended 2025 goals were to officially appoint a Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) and a Records Officer. The CAO is responsible for overseeing records management, privacy programs, and Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) compliance. The Records Officer manages the records under the CAO's guidance. CFO Fairbanks had already completed the required Records Officer Training in November 2025. Because CFO Fairbanks has been acting as the District's CAO and Records Officer, the Board Members were asked to make these appointments official. Trustee Vickers made a motion to appoint CFO Fairbanks as the District's Chief Administrative Officer and Records Officer; the motion received a unanimous vote after being seconded by Trustee Turner.

**5. Discussion and Approval for Hiring of Bradley Correa as District Part-Time Helicopter Mechanic:**

The FAA mandates helicopter maintenance and pre-flight inspections that involve strict, scheduled checks which are dictated by flight hours and a strict calendar time. They ensure safety and compliance by focusing on critical components like engines, rotors, and transmission. Bradley Correa, who conducts helicopter maintenance for the Department of Public Safety, is amenable to assisting the District on his own time by inspecting and properly maintaining our helicopter on a part-time basis. This is an enormous advantage for us because of his experience both as a pilot and a mechanic, his established connections, and his knowledge of the aircraft. He knows what tools and parts we need to have on hand, and he is qualified to set up our safety books and records. By making him a part-time employee rather than a subcontractor, he will be covered under our insurance and will not require a large hourly rate to cover his own expenses. He has not asked to receive benefits, for he already has a pension account established with Utah Retirement Systems through the Department of Public Safety, in addition to his previous coverage with the military. He is, therefore willing to provide his services for \$55 an hour. Trustee Mooers made a motion to hire Bradley Correa as the District's part-time helicopter mechanic, who will provide his

services on a as needed basis. Trustee Vickers seconded the motion, and it carried with everyone in favor.

**6. Discussion and Approval of the 2026 Calendar:**

Executive Director Faraji presented the 2026 Calendar for the Board Meetings. The majority of the meetings will be held on the third Thursday of each month, but April's meeting will be held on 30 April 2026. Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 2026 Board Meeting Calendar as presented; Trustee Vickers seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

**7. Board Elections for 2026:**

Executive Director Faraji reminded everyone that the Board Bylaws stipulate "the Vice-Chairperson automatically ascends to the office of Chairperson at the end of the Chairperson's term." The Board had elected Trustee Vickers to serve as Vice-Chair during 2025, thus allowing him to act as Board Chair during 2026. Nominations were then open for 2026's Vice-Chair. Trustee Mooers made a motion that Trustee Turner serve as Vice-Chair during 2026 and subsequent Chair in 2027. This motion was seconded by Trustee Vickers, and it carried with all in favor.

**8. Update on Construction:**

Robert Czubak, our owner's representative from MOCA Systems, and Executive Director Faraji met with Cooper Eckman, President and owner of Eckman Construction, to complain about the construction lagging seriously behind schedule. When they walked the construction site, Cooper Eckman was surprised to see that the complaint was valid. As a result, he has assigned more personnel to our project, and things are now moving more quickly. The steel for the hangar has also arrived. The storm drain is connected to the east ponds, which are now linked together, and the excess water is emptying into the City's storm system. We hope that construction will be finalized prior to April, allowing us to utilize this area for the UMAA meeting, in addition to the joint PacVec/RahpVec annual meetings, and also occupy it when the 2026 mosquito season begins.

Trustee Escamilla left the meeting and boarded her flight during the construction update.

**9. Update on State Auditor Annual Fraud Risk Assessment:**

CFO Fairbanks briefly discussed the 2025 Fraud Risk Assessment results; this assessment needs to be completed and presented to the Trustees annually. Thanks to the Trustees completing their required annual training, the District was

able to score a “very low risk level” of 370 points on the State Auditor’s Annual Fraud Risk Assessment. This assessment will now be submitted to the State Auditor.

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

- **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. Trustee Vickers was instrumental in planning this meeting to promote increased communication between several different disciplines. Executive Director Faraji provided a presentation on our District’s activities. Other members of our staff also met with several other from the University of Utah and other health members of the community who had an interest in the 3i initiative.

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

Trustee Turner, Trustee Vickers, and Executive Director Faraji attended the DSLASA quarterly board meeting on 11 December 2025. Executive Director Faraji will take over DSLASA’s Executive Director responsibilities during 2026 and 2027.

**11. Executive Director’s Report:**

November’s Director’s Report had been previously distributed to the Trustees. In addition, Executive Director Faraji discussed the following items: 1) Trustees Barth and Mooers should be reappointed to the Board after their first terms end at the end of this year. Trustee Vicker’s second term on the Board will end 31 December 2026, and it is doubtful that he will be reappointed. The Trustees were asked to consider names of people who would be good board members and forward them to the SLC Council; it would be beneficial to replace Trustee Vickers with another university professor to maintain the academic connections with the University of Utah. 2) CFO Fairbanks received an email notifying us that Moody’s Ratings would be reducing the District’s rating from Aa2 to Aa3. The Aa3 indicates a fairly high-quality debt with very low credit risk, placing it just below the top-tier Aaa rating. It indicates a very strong capacity to meet financial commitments due to solid financial health and stability, and it signals strong management. We have no problem with being downgraded from Aa2 to Aa3, for Aa3 is a decent rating and we do not plan on pursuing any further bonding. 3) Dr. Daniel Mendoza has completed the publication on the human health risk assessment using Dibrom. That peer-reviewed publication was attached to the Director’s Report 4) Trustee Vickers has been working to organize a joint meeting between the Pacific South

West Center of Excellence and the Rockies and High Plains Vector-Borne Disease Center. The University of Utah will be hosting the meeting, and it will run from the afternoon of 8 April 2026 through the morning of 10 April 2026. The District will host the meetings on the last day. Student presentations and a tour will be conducted at our facility on Friday 10 April 2026.

**12. Probable Agenda Items for 15 January 2026 Board Meeting, 12:30 p.m.:**

- Executive Director's Report
- Construction Updates
- Personnel Updates

**13. Discussion of the 2025 Budget Amendments:**

The Board Members had been given the 2025 General Fund and Capital Projects Fund Amended Budgets to review in October. At that time, CFO Fairbanks discussed the 2025 Budget Amendments for both funds with the Trustees and all questions about the budget amendments were addressed. Since that meeting, small changes had been made to the 2025 budgets, and CFO Fairbanks briefly discussed these modifications. There were no additional questions about the General and Capital Projects Funds from the Trustees.

**14. Discussion of the 2026 Proposed Budget:**

In October, the Board Members were provided with a packet comparing October's 2026 proposed budgets with the preliminary 2026 budgets that had been adopted in June. An ad hoc Finance Committee, including Trustees Mooers and Vickers, met in December to review the budgets in more detail, and their recommendations were included in December's budget numbers. CFO Fairbanks reviewed 2026's proposed budget numbers with the Trustees. It was noted that two additional line items had been added: funds were allocated for creating a website and also a cooperative university assistantship. This assistantship will allow us to tap into a graduate student's expertise as he/she researches various issues related to what we are doing at the District. All questions about the General and Capital Projects Funds were addressed.

**15. Motion to Recess the SLCMAD Board Meeting:**

Trustees Mooers and Vickers made and seconded a motion to recess the meeting at 5:32 p.m., which passed unanimously.

**16. Motion to Reconvene the SLCMAD Board Meeting:**

Trustee Vickers made a motion to reconvene the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement Board Meeting. His motion was seconded by Trustee Mooers and carried with all in favor.

**17. Discussion and Approval of the 2025 Budget Amendments:**

A motion made by Trustee Turner to approve the 2025 Budget Amendments passed unanimously after being seconded by Trustee Vickers.

**18. Discussion and Approval of the 2026 Proposed Budgets:**

Trustee Mooers made a motion to approve the 2026 Proposed Budgets as presented; the motion was seconded by Trustee Turner and passed unanimously.

**19. Public Comment:**

No public was present.

**20. Adjournment:**

At 6:13 p.m., Trustees Vickers made a motion to adjourn the 18 December 2025 Board Meeting of the Salt Lake City Mosquito Abatement District, chaired by the honorable Trustee Barth. Trustee Mooers seconded a motion, which carried with all in favor.

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Ary Faraji, Executive Director

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Neil Vickers, Chair 2026

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