

# Utah Lake Authority

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** November 12, 2025

**Time:** 9:15 AM

**Location:** Provo City Council Chambers & via Zoom

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## 1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Chair **Mayor Michelle Kaufusi** called the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

### In-Person Board Members Present

- Mayor Michelle Kaufusi, Chair, Provo
- Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County
- Councilmember LaNae Millett, Orem
- Kamron Dalton, Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity
- John Mackey, Division of Water Quality
- Ben Stireman, Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands

### Online Board Members Present

- Mayor Julie Fullmer, Vineyard
- Mayor Neil Brown, Genola
- Mayor Mark Johnson, Lehi
- Sen. Brady Brammer, Utah State Senate

### Board Members Arriving Later

- Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon (noted upon arrival)
- Hilary Hungerford, UVU (online)

No recusals or disclosures were reported.

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## **2. Public Comment**

### **Jim Anderson — Salt Lake City**

Provided follow-up on a proposed floating solar array for Utah Lake and introduced Neil Bagwen, who proposes floating wetlands to address nutrient loading and reduce HABs.

### **Neil Spackman— Highland**

Discussed nature-based nutrient uptake systems using floating wetland structures to reduce nitrogen and phosphorus, compatible with solar installations.

### **Kay Nelson — Provo**

Executive Director of Conserve Utah Valley. Expressed appreciation for ULA's work, the health of the lake, and Chair Kaufusi's leadership.

### **Soren Simonson — Salt Lake City**

Executive Director of the Jordan River Commission. Congratulated the ULA on a successful symposium. Thanked Mayor Kaufusi and John Mackey for their service.

### **Lee Adams — Millcreek**

Introduced himself and expressed interest in Utah Lake issues, including agriculture, irrigation technology, and solar concepts.

No further public comment.

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## **3. Consent Items**

### **3.1 Approval of September 2025 Meeting Minutes**

**Motion:** Approve minutes as presented.

**Motion by:** Kamron Dalton

**Second by:** LaNae Millett

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **3.2 Approval of Financial Reports — Q1 FY 2026**

**Motion:** Approve financial reports.

**Motion by:** John Mackey

**Second by:** Neil Brown

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **3.3 Approval of 2026 Governing Board Public Meeting Schedule**

**Motion:** Approve meeting schedule.

**Motion by:** Skyler Beltran

**Second by:** LaNae Millett

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

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## **4. Staff & Committee Reports**

### **4.1 Executive Director Report — Luke Peterson**

- Thanked the board for support of the Utah Lake Symposium.
- Announced new T-TAB grant funding for “Marketing 2.0” campaign.
- Open position posted: Utah Lake Restoration Coordinator (joint ULA + FFSL).
- Recognized Ben Stireman for receiving the Governor's Award of Excellence.
- Acknowledged outgoing board members: Mayor Kaufusi, Mayor Fullmer, Mayor Johnson, and John Mackey.

### **4.2 Operations & Recreation — Sam Braegger**

- Reminder: comments on the Recreation Access Plan due Friday.
- Lake-wide Signage Plan underway; contractor: Landmark Design.
- Master planning process beginning for multiple access points.

- Trail feasibility work temporarily delayed due to federal shutdown.
- Submitted Boating Access Grant to support Utah Lake State Park.
- Shared early visitor count data from Eco-Counters (data still being cleaned).

### **4.3 Events & Communications — Kelly Cannon-O'Day**

- Utah Lake Symposium recap:
  - ~\$17,500 sponsorships
  - ~190 tickets sold
  - 29 presenters
  - Successful “Monster Ball” fundraising event
- Great Carp Hunt: final event coming up; revised format planned for 2026.
- New events planned for 2026:
  - Dog event (HAB safety education)
  - Anniversary 5K for Dominguez–Escalante expedition
  - Fish fry fundraiser
- School assembly & class visit programming beginning in 2026.

### **4.4 Development & Funding — Shelby Kozak**

- Returned from maternity leave; shared brief update.
- Highlighted new outdoor recreation grant (~\$330k).
- Working on sponsorship development for 2026 events.
- Exploring improved grant-tracking via Airtable dashboard.

### **4.5 Volunteer Program — Heather**

- 2025 cleanup totals: 1,200 volunteers, 1,700 hours.
- Items removed include couches, refrigerators, tires, and debris.

- Inventory completed for 230 life jackets used in the loaner program.

#### **4.6 Conservation & Restoration — Addy**

- Installed 21,180 plants in two weeks (18 species, 3 sites).
  - Total since Fall 2023: ~90,000 plants installed.
  - Applying for Great Salt Lake Watershed Program (January deadline).
  - BYU and other volunteer groups assisted; UCC crews completed major fall work.
  - Presented at NALMS conference with Sam.
  - Continuing invasive species work and upcoming stormwater seminar planning.
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### **5. Closed Session**

**Motion:** Enter closed session under section (D).

**Motion by:** Mayor Carolyn Lundberg

**Second by:** Kamron Dalton

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

Board entered closed session; reconvened in open session afterward.

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### **6. Work Session**

#### **6.1 2026 New Board Members**

Upcoming changes include new representatives for:

- Department of Environmental Quality (replacing John Mackey)
- Lehi
- Vineyard
- Provo

## 6.2 Chair & Vice Chair Elections — January 2026

- Elections held at the first meeting in January.
  - Vice Chair Lundberg will conduct the meeting until a new chair is elected.
  - Nominations will be taken during the meeting; voting method determined by board.
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## 7. Public Hearing — FY 2026 Budget Amendments

**Motion: Enter public hearing.**

**Motion:** Skyler Beltran

**Second:** Carolyn Lundberg

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

No public comment offered.

**Motion: Close public hearing.**

**Motion by:** Carolyn Lundberg

**Second by:** Skyler Beltran

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

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## 8. Action Items

### 8.1 Approval of FY 2026 Amended Budget

**Motion:** Approve amended budget.

**Motion by:** Skyler Beltran

**Second by:** John Mackey

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### 8.2 Approval of Long-Range Capital Plan

**Motion:** Approve plan.

**Motion by:** Skyler Beltran

**Second by:** LaNae Millett

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

### **8.3 Resolution Delegating Authority to Executive Director for Property Agreement Negotiation**

**Motion:** Approve resolution.

**Motion by:** Skyler Beltran

**Second by:** Julie Fullmer

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

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## **9. Next Meeting & Adjournment**

**Next Meeting:** January 22, 2026 at 9:00 AM, Provo City Hall.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Carolyn Lundberg

**Second:** LaNae Millett

**Vote:** Approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.