

**Salt Lake County Council of Governments**  
**Quarterly Meeting**

**Date:** Thursday, January 15th, 2026.

**Time:** 11:30 lunch for COG members; 12:00 – 1:00 pm meeting

**Place:** Wasatch Front Regional Council, 41 N. Rio Grande, Salt Lake City, UT. 84101.

**COG Membership:**

- ✓ Mayors from each jurisdiction, including the Salt Lake County Mayor
- ✓ City Council representative from each city of the First Class (population of 100,000 or more) (Salt Lake City, Sandy, West Valley City, West Jordan) – Salt Lake City Councilmember Dan Dugan; Sandy Councilmember Brooke D’Sousa; West Jordan Councilmember Chris McConnehey; West Valley Councilmember William Whetstone
- ✓ Four County Council members –Councilmember Laurie Stringham, Councilmember Ross Romero, Councilmember Aimee Winder-Newton (Alternate), Councilmember Natalie Pinkney (Alternate)

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**COG Membership Attendees:** Alta – Mayor Roger Bourke; Bluffdale – Mayor Natalie Hall; Brighton – Mayor Scotty John; Cottonwood Heights – Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion; Draper – Mayor Troy Walker; Herriman – Mayor Lorin Palmer; Holladay – Mayor Pat Fotheringham; Midvale – Mayor Dustin Gettel; Millcreek – Mayor Cheri Jackson; Riverton – Mayor Tish Buroker; Salt Lake City – Dan Dugan; Salt Lake County – Councilmember Ross Romero; Councilmember Natalie Pinkney; Sandy – Mayor Monica Zoltanski; South Jordan – Mayor Dawn Ramsey; Taylorsville – Mayor Kristie Overson; West Jordan – Mayor Dirk Burton; West Valley City – Mayor Karen Lang; Salt Lake County – Mayor Jenny Wilson

**Other:** Lisa Hartman, William Whetstone, Brooke D’Sousa, Miranda Jones-Cox, Kelly Caleb, Carlton Christensen, Laurie Stringham, Aimee Winder-Newton, Alison Stroud, Mike Hinder, Chandler Berth, Lise Brunhart, Andrew Gruber, Rosie Hernandez, Kim Sorensen, (virtual) [Katherine Fife](#), [Brooke Lockyer](#), [William Whetstone](#), [Karen Lang](#), [Kara Trevino](#)

**Staff:** Lauren Littlefield, Tiffany Marquez, Derick Davis

1. **11:30 am – 12:00 Noon (30 minutes) Lunch and networking.**
2. **12:00 noon (2 Minutes) Welcome and Approval of Minutes** – Mayor Natalie Hall welcomed everyone and started the meeting at 12:00 pm. Mayor Hall asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 20<sup>th</sup> meeting. Mayor Gettel motioned to approve the November minutes. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Due to time constraints, Mayor Hall stated that she would not conduct introductions.
3. **12:02 (5 Minutes) 2026 COG Executive Committee Affirmation and Election of Secretary** – Mayor Natalie Hall affirmed Mayor Hales as the 2026 COG chair and Mayor Gettel as the 2026 COG vice-chair. Mayor Hall asked for nominations for the 2026 Secretary position.
4. **12:07 (5 Minutes) Nomination for COG member on the Salt Lake County Solid Waste Management Council** – Patrick Craig, Executive Director, Salt Lake County Solid Waste Management, asks the COG members to replace former Mayor Smolka on the Solid Waste Board. Patrick explained when the council meets and what the council does. Mayor Gettel made a motion to nominate Mayor Bennion for the open position with the Solid Waste Management Council. Mayor Fotheringham seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed. Mayor Walker seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
5. **12:12 (45 Minutes) Affirmation and Nomination/Election of COG Appointments** – Mayor Brett Hales welcomed Robin Chaloub to speak on the Zoo Arts & Parks board.
  - **Zoo Arts & Parks**
    - Robin is looking to confirm Mayor Gettel and Mayor Burton's continued participation. Mayor Ramsey motioned to affirm Mayor Gettel and Mayor Burton to continue to serve on the Zoo Arts and Parks board. Mayor Jackson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.
  - **Tourism, Recreation, Cultural, and Convention (TRCC)**
    - Robin Chaloub spoke about the TRCC board and its meeting schedule. Mayor Overson is the chair of the committee. Robin asked the COG members to reaffirm Mayor Palmer and Mayor Zoltanski and add members to fill vacancies. Mayor Overson motioned to reaffirm Mayor Palmer and Mayor Zoltanski. Council member Stringham nominated Mayor Sudbury for the TRCC board. Mayor Palmer seconded the nomination for Mayor Sudbury. Mayor Gettel nominated Mayor Fotheringham for the TRCC board. Councilmember Dugan seconded the nomination for Mayor Fotheringham. Councilmember Winder-Newton nominated Mayor Jackson. Councilmember Romero seconded the nomination for Mayor Jackson. With former Mayor Dahle serving on the TRCC board, Mayor Fotheringham pulled his nomination. Councilmember Stringham motioned to

nominate Mayor Jackson and Mayor Sudbury. Mayor Wilson seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

- **UTA Local Advisory Council**

- Jana Ostler spoke on the UTA Local Advisory Board. Jana mentioned that all the current members would like to stay in their roles. Mayor Gettel moved to reappoint Mayor Walker, Mayor Hall, Mayor Burton, and Councilmember Dugan. Mayor Wilson seconded the reappointments. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

- **UTA Board of Trustees**

- Mayor Hales asked that nominations for the UTA Board of Trustees be sent to him from now until April. Then the COG members will make two nominations that will be sent to the Governor to make his appointment, along with three from Salt Lake County chosen by the council. Mayor Wilson explained to the COG members what the UTA Board of Trustees' capacity is. Mayor Hales asked Carlton Christensen if he was interested in continuing as the appointee. Carlton said he was. Mayor Burton made a motion to keep Carlton as the appointee. Mayor Zoltanski seconded the motion. Councilmember Romero made a substitute motion to stay with the direction of the chair and submit nominations and hold a vote at the May COG meeting. Mayor Wilson seconded the substitute motion. All in favor, none opposed. Substitute motion passed, first motion dies.

- **COG Public Works Committee**

- Mayor Hales welcomed Lisa Hartman to talk on the Public Works Committee. Lisa gave a summary of what the committee does. Mayor Hall, Lang, and Palmer are the current members, and two vacancies need to be filled. Councilmember Romero nominated Mayor Fotheringham to the committee. Mayor Gettel seconded the motion. Mayor Palmer said he would like to step down from the Public Works Committee, and he nominated Mayor Buroker. Mayor Overson seconded the nomination. Mayor Hall nominated Mayor Sudbury for the Public Works Committee. Mayor Palmer seconded the motion. Mayor Gettel made a motion to close the nominations. Councilmember Stringham seconded the nominations. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

- Mayor Hales introduced and welcomed the new mayors to the COG members.

- **Wasatch Front Regional Council**

- Andrew Gruber spoke on the WFRC and its committees. Andrew asked that after the discussion on WFRC appointments, there will be one ratifying vote at the end. Andrew summarized each of the committees. These committees meet during the

day 4-5 times per year. Mayor Parry will become a new member of the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Mayor Hall and Mayor Buroker will become Wasatch Front Economic Development District member and alternate, respectively. Mayor Brems will become the alternate for Trans Com. Councilmembers Stringham and Dugan will become members of the Transportation Coordinating Committee, and Mayors Fotheringham, Brems, and Bennion will become the alternates. Councilmember Stroud has withdrawn from the JPAC and will be replaced by Mayor Hall. Councilmember Stringham motioned to approve the WFRC appointments laid out by Andrew Gruber. Mayor Gettel seconded the motion. All in favor, none opposed. Motion passed.

**6. 12:57 (2 Minutes) 2026 Meeting Dates** – Mayor Brett Hales confirmed the 2026 COG meeting dates.

- Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2026 – Murray City
- Thursday July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026 \*\* - Alta Town
- Thursday November 19<sup>th</sup> – West Jordan City
- \*\* This change is to accommodate the requirement that COG approve the Winter Overflow plan by August 1. Changing our meeting to July will negate the need for any emergency meetings of COG.

**7. 12:59 (1 Minute) Other Business & Adjourn** – Mayor Brett Hales asked the members if there was any other business. No one had anything to discuss. The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 pm.