

Utah Lake Authority

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: November 12, 2025

Time: 9:15 AM

Location: Provo City Council Chambers & via Zoom

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.