

Utah Horse Racing Commission Meeting Minutes



Date: Wednesday, December 17th, 2025

Time: 2pm to 3:30pm

Location: Utah Department of Agriculture

4315 S. 2700 W. TSOB S BLDG FL 2

Taylorsville, UT 84114

Room: 2504

Attendees: Chair Steve McIntyre, Board Members: Brad Hart, Chuck Bentley, Billy Peterson, Keith Nellesen, Asst. Attorney General Curtis Grow, State Veterinarian Dr. Amanda Price, UQHRA Rep. Angi Kellett, UQHRA Bill Shuldborg, UQHRA Joyce Mower, UQHRA President Brandon Heaps, UDAF Phoebe White, UHRC Executive Director Thane Marshall, UDAF Camille Knudsen, Animal Health Director John Keller, Paige Schvaneveldt, Pam Cornia

Invited but unable to attend: Scotty Mann, Kortee McGee, Cody Allred, Dale Winterton

Agenda

1. Call meeting to order- Steve McIntyre, Chairman
 - a. Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. Approve 10/29/25 Meeting Minutes (Action)
 - a. 00:04:21 Billy suggested changing La Sal to Los Alamitos from the drafted minutes. Billy made the motion to approve the minutes with that correction, seconded by Brad and approved by the board.
3. 2026 Steward Candidate Approval – Steve McIntyre/Board (Action)
 - a. Steve spoke with David Wheeler, Scott Wilkenson, and Ann Provost. They all said they were available to be stewards for the spring meet. They were not certain they would be available for the fall race dates.
 - b. 00:07:10 Billy motioned for David Wheeler, Scott Wilkenson, and Ann Provost to be the 2026 spring stewards. This was seconded by Chuck and approved unanimously by the board.
4. Works Proposal – Billy Peterson & Keith Nellesen (Action)
 - a. 00:07:45 Billy and Keith presented their proposal sheets to the board. There was clarification on whether there should be only one clocker or not. Paige and Pam plan to get more clockers to help.
 - b. Pam suggested to have set days for horsemen to work. Pam also mentioned having a sign-up sheet for horsemen. Steve suggested having Pam and Paige in charge of the workouts. They will be compensated through the state if they choose to accept. Billy liked the idea of them taking over but he would like the commission to approve the clockers. Other tracks in Utah have spoken with Steve about getting their tracks recognized. Steve thinks they should only allow three tracks for now. The commission has some responsibility to Wyoming to show recognition for specific tracks in Utah.

- c. 00:33:50 Fillmore is not in Equibase. Ogden, Beaver, and Dixie are all in Equibase. Those are the only three in Utah that have Equibase access.
 - d. The commission will offer these official workouts to any horseman who would like them. The horse does not have to be involved in Quarter Horse racing. There will be more clockers than just Paige and Pam. Billy said they need to submit the other clocker names to the board for approval.
 - e. Steve said we need to discuss funding and how we are going to pay these individuals. 00:37:30 Billy made the motion to approve Canyon Breeze (Beaver), Weber Downs (Ogden) and Dixie Downs (St. George) tracks for official workouts in 2026, seconded by Brad. Approved unanimously by the board.
 - f. 00:38:45 Chuck made the motion to approve Paige and Pam to oversee the 2026 official workouts on behalf of the commission. Keith seconded. Approved.
 - g. 00:39:20 Steve brought up the fall race dates. Trails will be on Sept. 13th and finals will be on October 4th at Weber Downs. Motion made by Billy to accept the above dates, seconded by Chuck. Approved by board.
5. Hair Testing – Steve
- a. 00:41:21 Steve has contacted individuals from other states to see how they handle suspending trainers for bad hair tests. Most of the states he contacted do not suspend trainers based off hair testing. Steve would like to amend the rules to change the possibility of trainers being suspended for bad hair tests.
 - b. 00:46:02 In the state of Utah, anyone can get a hair test pulled by a vet. The test must be sent to Industrial Labs if the results want to be accepted by UDAF and the commission. The state vet will need to be notified of the hair test.
 - c. 00:47:11 Billy was concerned about deciding on what to do without more information. He would like the horsemen's opinion.
 - d. 00:53:29 Brad said other states don't punish the trainer, they take the horse out of competition and lose any purse money. Amanda recommended searching other states to see what they do for a positive hair test.
6. 2026 Coggins & Piroplasmiasis Requirements (Action)
- a. 00:56:14 Last year UHRC required all horses to have a current EIA and PYRO from March 1st 2025 and on. Brad thought the decision should be a state vet decision not the commission for changing test requirements. All horses coming into the state of Utah need a Coggins test within the calendar year. Joyce said Wyoming requires 12 months Coggins. Quarter horses coming from out of state for racing are required to have a PYRO test. Dr. Price recommended having in state and out of state competitors having the same regulations.
7. 2026 Jockey Requirements (Action)
- a. 01:07:23 Jockeys last year were required to have a doctor's physical within the calendar year. It is the rules for this to occur for 2026.
8. Review Pending Litigation* - Curtis Grow
9. Round Table

- a. 01:10:45 Chuck asked if the commission has anything to present to Wyoming showing the progress made on workouts going in the future. Keith understood that Wyoming didn't want to approve things from Utah. Chuck thinks that as a courtesy the commission should show Wyoming the formats we have. Steve said he will contact Brandi from Wyoming to give a progress report.
- b. 01:13:40 Paige and Pam are the only ones who have access to Equibase for the state. They are only authorized for certain tracks, not all of them. The commission will work on getting access to all three approved tracks.
- c. 01:15:40 Joyce would like Steve to give him contact information for Paige and Pam so she can send information to them.
- d. 01:20:13 Last year the head steward informed people who were doing schooling races that they didn't need to be licensed. Curtis said the rules say it is up to the organization to determine what areas are restricted or not. The commission code states that anyone in the barn area, paddock, test barn, stewards tower, race course or any other area designated as restricted need to be licensed.
- e. 01:24:54 Steve said he will work with Pam and Paige for progress of workouts. Joyce will send schooling races information to Pam or Paige for them to enter into Equibase. Pam and Paige will get together before the next meeting and come up with a works plan to present to the commission.

10. Adjourn

*The Commission may consider a motion to enter a closed meeting pursuant to UCA § 52-4-205(1)(c) to address the agenda item.