



# DRAFT MINUTES

## SENATE TRANSPORTATION, PUBLIC UTILITIES, ENERGY, AND TECHNOLOGY CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, February 9, 2026 | 1:30 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Wayne A. Harper, Chair  
Sen. Don L. Ipson  
Sen. Karen Kwan  
Sen. Ann Millner  
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Sen. Chris H. Wilson  
Sen. Ronald M. Winterton

**Staff Present:**

Rachel Brooks, Policy Analyst  
Gabi Prior, Administrative Assistant  
Alyssa Castor, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Chair Harper called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

### 1. Committee Business

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. C. Wilson  
Sen. R. Winterton

### 2. Review the Proposed Reappointment of Natalie Gochnour as a member of the Transportation Commission.

Natalie Gochnour introduced herself to the committee and provided an overview of her qualifications.

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Natalie Gochnour as a member of the Transportation Commission. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. C. Wilson  
Sen. R. Winterton

### 3. Review the Proposed Reappointment of Kevin Van Tassell as a member of the Transportation Commission.

Kevin Van Tassell introduced himself to the committee and provided an overview of his qualifications.

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council, spoke in favor of the appointment.

**MOTION:** Sen. Ipson moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate Kevin Van Tassell as a member of the Transportation Commission. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. C. Wilson  
Sen. R. Winterton

**MOTION:** Sen. Winterton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. W. Harper  
Sen. D. Ipson  
Sen. K. Kwan  
Sen. A. Millner  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Sen. C. Wilson  
Sen. R. Winterton

Chair Harper adjourned the meeting at 1:42 p.m.