GIS Steering Committee Meeting

January 15th, 2026 / 10:00am – 11:30am
Salt Lake County Government Center, 2100 S State Street
Suite N2-800 / Webex

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Committee Members, Office / Voting Designee:	**Other Participants:**
Bradley Park, Surveyor *(Chair)*	Bart LeCheminant
Megan Hillyard, Administrative Services *(Vice Chair)*	Bishal Raj Joshi
Beth Graham, Human Services	Brandon Allgier
Kade Moncur, Public Works	Brendan Duffy
Michael Lee, Sheriff	Chris Donoghue
Richard Jaussi, Auditor	Jarom Zenger
Robert Sampson, Community Services	Jared Larsen
Tyler Andrus, Assessor	Jason Hornyak
Will Kocher, Recorder	Jason Rose
Sheila Srivastava, Treasurer	Javaid Lal
	Jon Thelen
Non-Voting Committee Members	Lee Wilstead
David Delquadro, County Council	Lindsy Hales Bentley
	Maren Slaugh
Absent / Excused:	Mark Miller
Chris W. Harding, Auditor	Matthew Dumont
Chris Stavros, Assessor	Robyn Haywood
Erin Litvack, Deputy Mayor	Samantha Kight
Kelly Colopy, Human Services	Steve Arnold
Lannie Chapman, Clerk	Tade Wilson
Rashelle Hobbs, Recorder	Teddy Arnold
Robin Chalhoub, Community Services	Teresa Curtis
Rosie Rivera, Sheriff	Tony Jolley
Saskia DeVries, Regional Development	Tyler Bain
Sim Gill, District Attorney	Tyson Smith
Scott Baird, Public Works	Wiley Bogren
	Will Delaney
	Zachary Posner
Administrative Staff: Melody Baugh	
	Citizens: None

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Welcome:	Brad Park, Committee Chair, welcomed all committee members and visitors & called the meeting to order **at 10:01 am.**
Citizen Public Input	Time was opened for citizen public input, there was none.
Approval of previous meeting Minutes	Opened the floor for feedback on and approval of November 20, 2025 meeting minutes. • Move to accept: Megan Hillyard • Second: Richard Jaussi • Vote: Unanimous to accept
Business Relation Manager	Lee Wilstead was introduced as the new Business Relationship Manager (BRM) supporting GIS Steering, replacing Mark Miller. Lee has been with Salt Lake County for 9 years, after spending 23 years in the Air Force. He has worked in HR and IT, he assisted Tony Jolley's team on the SharePoint migration. He has been working the last 3 years with Mark Miller in his role

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	as BRM and is now taking over supporting GIS & GIS steering committee. The committee thanked Mark Miller for his service and welcomed Lee into the role.
STWG Updates	<u>2026 Goals</u> STWG goals & objectives for 2026 have been chosen: • <u>Standardize GIS templates</u>: GIS serves different roles in each department. We would like to come together on the ways we display our data across the county, and will develop standardized templates that work across departments. • <u>ELA/Needs Assessment</u>: we will conduct a countywide GIS needs assessment for each department in preparation for the ELA licensing discussion. • <u>Data Catalog</u>: as part of the data privacy program, develop a GIS data catalog including more detailed metadata from what we produce. • <u>Exploring GIS and AI applications</u>: continued exploration of AI and how it can streamline and modernize GIS use and reduce workload. <u>Maps on the Hill 2026</u> Next Wednesday, January 21st at the Utah Capital the 14th Annual "Maps on the Hill Day" will be held, hosted by Utah Geographic Information Council (UGIC) and Utah Geospatial Resource Center (UGRC). Representatives from the Surveyor's Office and Regional Development will participate, displaying GIS work being done at the county.

GIS Spotlight	<u>ESRI Presentation</u>
	Tyson Smith led a brief presentation on some of our ESRI Enterprise License Agreement (ELA) benefits and introduced the account management team working with Salt Lake County.
	
	Management team updates:
	• Tyson Smith is transitioning away from being the primary Esri account manager for Salt Lake County.
	• New management team:
	  o Jason Hornyak, account manager
	  o Jennie Troendly, senior training consultant
	  o Will Delaney, solution engineer
	• Tyson and Jason will both attend Maps on the Hill next week.
	
	Training options: There are a wide variety of training options available from ESRI:
	• Free online trainings
	• Multi-week MOOCs (online course 4-6 weeks course)
	• Professional development plans specific to department needs.
	• Jenny Troendly is available to help departments develop training and onboarding plans.
	• Will Delaney is the county's Esri Solutions Engineer and can assist with needs.
	• ESRI will continue to offer technical training classes specifically for Salt Lake County in 2026
	  o past training: 11/25 – ArcGIS Web Editor
	  o next training: 2/20/26 – ESRI AI Assistants & options for GIS (automation, Survey123, imagery, prediction tools)
	• Future presentations:
	  o Esri Solutions (templated workflows)
	  o Business Analyst (curated demographic data w/ 170 data points)

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	o Living Atlas (largest collection of spacial content. 1000's of apps, maps, and layers to support your GIS work) Tyson highlighted the upcoming 2026 Esri User Conference, July 13–17, 2026 in San Diego. • The county's current agreement includes 10 complimentary registrations to the conference, w/ virtual attendance options available. • The conference holds events at the conference specific to state and local government, which is a great opportunity to network with this community. • Hotels book quickly, for anyone thinking of attending in-person, it's helpful to book a hotel now. Tyson and his team look forward to a continued working relationship with Salt Lake County and being able to support our GIS needs. Brad Park thanked Tyson and his team at ESRI for their support. He has seen over the past decade how the ESRI software has expanded and grown. Often, there is a new and better way to do things, and we can take advantage of these tools to help us in our departments and the services we offer our constituents. He encouraged everyone to take advantage of the free trainings and resources from ESRI. The upcoming conference is also a great opportunity to network and see what's new and upcoming with ESRI, and encouraged departments to support, if possible, their GIS employees to attend the ESRI conference either in-person or virtual.
GIS Steering Ordinance revisions	This is an item from our November meeting that we need to bring back. Jason Rose from the district attorney's office identified issues that require further action/discussion. • The Office of Regional Development (ORD) cannot currently become a voting member because it is an "office", not a department or elected office. Current ordinance is limited to departments and elected offices. Richard Jaussi asked if this was simply "semantics". Jason noted this is an organizational difference as offices fall under the mayor's office and the deputy mayors. The committee could choose to open up membership to all "offices" though not all offices use or have a significant GIS interest. The committee could specify membership for the office of regional development (ORD) only. Group agreed with suggestion to include ORD for committee membership. • A second issue: the name "Steering Committee" may be inconsistent with current county naming preferences. "Steering" is perceived as a legislative function rather than an executive function. If we bring an ordinance update to the Council, there may be a suggestion to update the name, so it could be in our interest to address now. "Advisory" is perceived to align more closely with the committee's true function. Similar renames have happened with other committees. General feeling from the committee was a proactive change was timely and would be in alignment with committee's role. Name for committee suggested to be changed to "GIS Advisory Committee" No objections were raised. • There is no issue with update approved for the annual election of Chair and Vice Chair. Reviewed changes are 1) moving the date of the annual election to the first meeting of the year, and 2) updating that Chair and Vice Chair will both elected annually, eliminating automatic succession of Vice Chair to Chair annually, which has not been happening generally.

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	Megan Hillyard made a motion to: 1. Explicitly include the Office of Regional Development as a voting member 2. Rename the body to "GIS Advisory Committee" 3. Change officer terms so that Chair and Vice Chair are elected annually at the first meeting of each year. • Motion: Megan Hillyard • Second: Richard Jaussi • Vote: Unanimous to accept Jason Rose will update ordinance to be submitted to Executive Coordinating Committee for review. Will send to committee before submitting to ECC in case there is any opposition.
Election of Officers	The floor was opened for nominations annual election for the Chair and Vice Chair position and discussion. Committee members expressed support for the current leadership and suggested they continue. No other nominations were forthcoming • Motion for Bradley Park to continue as Chair: Megan Hillyard • Motion for Megan Hillyard to continue as Vice Chair: Brad Park • Second to both motions: Richard Jaussi • Vote: Unanimous to accept
Other Business	Brad asked for any additional business to discuss. Megan Hillyard noted a change in the county leadership Chief Information Officer (CIO) position, effective January 30. • Zach Posner is leaving this position. The committee recognized him as attending his last GIS meeting and was thanked for his leadership and service. Brad seconded his thanks as well. We appreciate his leadership the collaboration with the committee. • Tony Jolley will be the new Acting CIO during the recruitment process. The committee thanked him for stepping into the role.
Adjourn	Megan Hillyard moved to adjourn meeting ***at 10:29am*** Next meeting of the committee is scheduled for **Thursday, March 19th, 2026.**