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MINUTES OF THE
UTAH PRIVACY COMMISSION MEETING

Thursday, December 4, 2025 ▪ 3:00 p.m.
Virtual Meeting ▪ Anchor Location: Room 220, East Building, Utah Capitol Complex

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Participating Commission Members:

Commissioner David N. Sonnenreich	Commissioner Don Wood
Commissioner Jason Shelton	Commissioner Sam Smith
Commissioner Micah Vorwaller	Commissioner Steve McCown
Commissioner J. Kent Millington	Commissioner Brandon Greenwood
Commissioner Ryan Arbon	Commissioner Josh Daniels

Absent Commission Members:

Commissioner Jeremy Baker	Commissioner Tanner Jensen

Other Attendees:
Tina Cannon, Utah State Auditor
Bon Lee, Privacy Audit Outreach
Christopher Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer
Brian Nelson, Office of Data Privacy
Lana Taylor, Office of Data Privacy
Mandy Teerlink, Office of the Utah State Auditor
Sydney Ohlensehlen, Office of the Utah State Auditor
Shanna Durrant, Department of Public Safety
Elliott Clark, Attorney General's Office
Shelly Teuscher
Ron Mortensen
George McEwan

Note: A copy of the meeting materials and an audio recording of the meeting may be found on the Public Meeting Notice website under the Utah Privacy Commission (listed as a public body under the State/State Auditor) on the December 4, 2025 meeting. These minutes may refer to the recording found on the Public Notice Website with the approximate number on the recording where an issue is being discussed.

1. **Welcome**

   Chair Sonnenreich called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm

2. **Approval of minutes of the November 12, 2025 meeting**

   Chair Sonnenreich asked for a vote to approve the November 12, 2025 minutes.

   MOTION: Commissioner McCown moved that November 12, 2025 meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Vorwaller. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Wood being absent. [Please refer to 00:01:35 in the recording to hear the motion.]

3. **Subcommittee Reports**

   Commissioner Daniels stated that there was no report for the Government Privacy and Civil Liberties subcommittee.

Commissioner Shelton provided an update on the efforts of the Education and Training Subcommittee, including feedback from entities that experienced technical difficulties during the course of their training. Based on entity feedback, the Office of Data Privacy (ODP) is also in the process of creating short-form videos and compiling practical examples and other training resources like a peer-mentor training setup.

Commissioner Vorwaller said the Standards and Best Practices Subcommittee is working on receiving feedback from the various agencies and entities, which vary greatly in size and mission. The Commissioner discussed the needs in smaller entities, particularly for legal advisement on third-party agreements. He also requested the commission consider ways to further influence standards for the privacy expectations in government.

Commissioner Wood gave an update for the Privacy Impact Assessment Subcommittee. He reported that ULCT and UAC feedback from the commission's attendance was very positive. A new version of the PIA is in process, though right now, most local government entities are focusing on getting their privacy programs off the ground.

[Please refer to 00:02:25 in the recording to hear the discussion.]

4. **Report from the Office of Data Privacy – Discussion of the AI Summit**

Chief Privacy Officer Christopher Bramwell provided a report on the AI Summit, which was sponsored by the Department of Commerce and the Governor's Office. Officer Bramwell noted that a significant portion of the summit was dedicated to data governance and privacy practices, with an emphasis on individual control of data sharing. Officer Bramwell also participated in a panel on data as a currency.

Commissioner McCown asked a question about "training data" used for AI learning, but the summit did not cover that particular topic in detail. Commissioners Vorwaller and McCown raised further questions about contracting with AI tech vendors and the terms that agencies need to watch out for.

Officer Bramwell stated that license plate readers are expected to appear in legislation in the upcoming 2026 session. Statewide cooperative contracts would be created for the higher risk uses to help with compliance to the GDPA. Chair Sonnenreich commented that the strategy of statewide cooperative contracts is a good strategy to help stay compliant.

Chair Sonnenreich asked if the January meeting should be held on the usual second Wednesday that month, or if it would be more productive later in the session. Officer Bramwell agreed to communicate with legislators and find out what timing would be most advantageous.

The next Data Governance Summit will be May 20-21, 2026 and will have expanded openings for attendees. They have discussed charging a low fee to attend the conference to help cover costs of the event.

Following Officer Bramwell's report, commissioners discussed the tension between transparency and privacy, and ways that the data can be shared without compromising privacy, i.e., selected disclosure.

[Please refer to 00:04:05 in the recording to hear the report and discussion.]

5. **Other Business**

Chair Sonnenreich said that he would take on the task of helping the Office of the Utah State Auditor

revise the current commission website to better reflect the commission's focus and provide useful information. He said he would update the commission as changes are implemented.

Public Comment: Ron Mortensen commented on the flow of data in government and the availability of private information to others that don't require that access. He emphasized that transparency shouldn't overshadow the importance of privacy. His comments sparked another discussion regarding the push and pull between transparency and privacy. Commissioner Smith discussed fuzzification of information and the particular vulnerability of government employees to phishing attacks.

6. **Adjourn**

Chair Sonnenreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Vorwaller moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.