

Utah Horse Racing Commission Meeting Minutes



Date: Tuesday, February 10, 2026

Time: 4:00pm to 4:30pm

Location: Online

Google Meet joining info

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Room: 2503

In Person Attendees: Asst. Attorney General Curtis Grow, UDAF Phoebe White, Animal Health Director John Keller, State Veterinarian Dr. Amanda Price

Joined virtually: UHRC Executive Director Thane Marshall, Chair Steve McIntyre, UDAF Camille Knudsen, UDAF Finance Jake Houtrouw, Billy Peterson, Keith Nellesen, Brad Hart, Dale Winterton, Cody Allred

Invited but unable to attend: UQHRA President Brandon Heaps, UQHRA Joyce Mowers, UQHRA Angi Kellett, UQHRA Bill Shuldberg

Agenda

1. Call Meeting to Order – Steve McIntyre, Chair
 - a. Steve welcomed everyone and updated the commission that there is no funding from the State of Utah to put on workouts.
2. Approve 1/27/26 Meeting Minutes (Action) – 5 Minutes
 - a. 01:28 Meeting minutes were sent out to board members previously. Dale made the motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Brad and approved unanimously by the commission.
3. Workout Plan Budget Approval (Action) – 10 Minutes
 - a. 02:22 Billy spoke to the commission and came up with a new plan for workouts in the State of Utah. Billy proposed to have clerks and clockers set up times for horsemen to come and get a work done. The clerks and clockers will have their own liberty to charge horsemen whatever they feel is appropriate. The commission's role is to approve who will oversee the workouts and let them handle the logistics.
 - b. Billy and Steve have been in contact with Paige and Pam. Paige and Pam suggested the following names to be their helpers; Paige Schvaneveldt, Pam Cornia, Joyce Mowers, Cody House, Chance Rowllins, and Monte Turner.

- c. Pam has a strong relationship with Brandi from Wyoming. Brandi is in support of Pam helping to run workouts. Billy and Steve think Paige and Pam would be best to appoint and then they can handle the program as they see fit.
 - d. 14:12 Commission members were in agreement to have a more hands-off approach when it comes to workouts. They think Pam and Paige will do a good job. They agree to have more than just Paige and Pam allowed to enter workouts. At times in the summer Paige or Pam may be unavailable. Thane mentioned that as the year goes on the commission can change who they would like to handle the works in case it gets to be too much for Paige and Pam.
 - e. 18:00 Paige and Pam are the only ones UDAF will need to license.
 - f. 20:00 Pam suggested that there be a universal charge for everyone so there isn't competition for workouts. Curtis suggested that the commission stay away from trying to charge any type of fee. The legislation must approve any fees proposed by the commission for horsemen. Pam and Paige will need to figure that out on their own without the help of the commission.
 - g. 22:04 Billy made the motion that the commission appoints Paige Schvaneveldt and Pam Cornia as the official Equibase clerks who will oversee Utah workouts at the preapproved locations (Weber, St. George, and Canyon Breeze). They will set their workout schedule themselves, and the commission is doing nothing more than approving those people and they can add additional helpers if or when necessary. This motion was seconded by Brad. The commission unanimously approved the motion.
4. 2026 Coggins & Piroplasmiasis Requirements – Commission (Discussion/Action) – 10 Minutes
- a. 24:15 Dr. Price recommended to the commission to require Coggins and piroplasmiasis tests within the calendar year for each horse to keep things equal among all horsemen.
 - b. 27:35 Last year there were outbreaks that concerned the commission.
 - c. 28:24 The Coggins test would need to be valid throughout the dates of the race. Any Quarter Horse coming into the State of Utah will need a piroplasmiasis test within 30 days of entry into Utah. Dr. Price would accept a piroplasmiasis test and Coggins test within the last 12 months.
 - d. 30:32 Last year the club monitored test results for horses. The commission recommended the club view results at draw nights.
 - e. 38:21 Keith made the motion, the Utah Horse Racing Commission is requiring, according to state law, that any quarter horse entering the state for racing needs to have a valid Coggins within the last 12 months, a piroplasmiasis test and a health certificate within 30 days. All in-state horses will be required to have a valid Coggins test within the past 12 months to enter the race. This motion was seconded by Brad. The board unanimously approved the motion.
5. Adjourn
- a. 41:58 Stewards are now having conflicts with Wyoming race dates. Two of them may not be able to do all the dates in May. Steve will work on that and keep the commission updated.

- b. 42:29 Keith brought up concerns as to why the commission discussed workouts without the knowledge of no state funding. Jake Houtrouw from the State of Utah explained why there are financial concerns with the proposed \$20,000 budget for workouts. That amount would not be feasible according to statute. The commission has approval to submit names of individuals to help with workouts and they can be paid within the bounds of the state small purchasing rules.