

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, January 27, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met in Work Session on Tuesday, January 27, 2026.

**The following Council Members were present:**

Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Eva Lopez Chavez, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young

**Present Legislative leadership:**

Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

**Present Administrative leadership:**

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer, Lindsey Nikola – Deputy Chief of Staff

**Present City Staff:**

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Stephanie Elliott – Minutes & Records Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 12:08 p.m.

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**Work Session Items**  
**NONE.**

**Standing Items**

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| <b>1. Tentative Closed Session</b> | ~ 12:00 p.m.<br>60 min. |
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The Council will consider a motion to enter into Closed Session. A closed meeting described under Utah Code Annotated (UCA) Section §52-4-205 may be held for specific purposes including, but not limited to discussing:

- a. discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.
- b. strategy sessions to discuss collective bargaining.
- c. strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.
- d. strategy sessions to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if public discussion of the transaction would:
  - (i) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration, or
  - (ii) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms.
- e. strategy sessions to discuss the sale of real property, including any form of a water right or water shares, if:
  - (i) public discussion of the transaction would:
    - (A) disclose the appraisal or estimated value of the property under consideration, or
    - (B) prevent the public body from completing the transaction on the best possible terms.
  - (ii) the public body previously gave public notice that the property would be offered for sale, and
  - (iii) the terms of the sale are publicly disclosed before the public body approves the sale.
- f. discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems.
- g. investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

A closed meeting may also be held for attorney-client matters that are privileged pursuant to Utah Code § 78B-1-137, and for other lawful purposes that satisfy the pertinent requirements of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act.

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**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Carlsen, seconded by Council Member Wharton to enter into Closed Meeting for the purposes of attorney-client matters that are privileged pursuant to Utah Code § 78B-1-137.**

**AYE:** Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young

**ABSENT:** Eva Lopez Chavez

**Final Result:** 6 – 0 Pass

**Motion:**

**Moved by Council Member Dugan, seconded by Council Member Wharton to exit Closed Meeting.**

**AYE:** Victoria Petro, Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Eva Lopez Chavez, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan, Sarah Young

**Final Result:** 7 – 0 Pass

**Summary:**

Closed Meeting started at 12:10 p.m.

Council Members in attendance: Council Members Dugan, Puy, Carlson, Wharton, Petro, Young and Lopez Chavez online

Council Members absent: None

Staff and Administration in attendance: Mayor Mendenhall, Jill Love, Rachel Otto, Lindsey Nikola, Jennifer Bruno, Lehua Weaver, Nick Tarbet, Mark Kittrell, Cindy Lou Trishman, Angela Price, Katherine Pasker, Dave Quealy, Carly Castle, Jennifer Huntsman, Amber Pehrson, Allison Rowland, Austin Kimmel, Michael Sanders, Kate Werrett, Kira Luke, Matt Brown, Keith Reynolds

Closed Meeting ended at 1:21 p.m.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:21 p.m.

Minutes Approved: February 17, 2026

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City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

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City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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