



# Minutes

DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC UTILITIES  
ADMINISTRATION

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**Salt Lake City  
Public Utilities Advisory Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
January 22, 2026**

The Public Utilities Advisory Committee (PUAC) meeting was held at 7:30 am on Thursday, January 22, 2026. Committee members that were present, Kathryn Floor (Chair), Chris Shope (Vice-Chair), Tom Godfrey, Sean McKelvie, Ted Boyer, Dani Cepernich and Kamiron Anderson. Salt Lake City Public Utilities employees present were Laura Briefer, Jason Brown, Jesse Stewart, Tammy Wambeam, Jason Draper, Lisa Tarufelli, Jacob Jorgensen, Tamara Prue, Holly Lopez, Audree Ketcham, Michelle Barry, Jamey West, Jeffrey Grimsdale, Crystal Chen, Teresa Gray, Chloe Morroni, Karryn Greenleaf, and Peyton Presnal. Others present were Zac Steele, Brown and Calwell; Annalee Munsey, Metropolitan Water District of Salt Lake and Sandy; Carly Castle, Salt Lake City Attorney's Office; Megan Yuill, Salt Lake City Mayors Office; Austin Kimmel, Salt Lake City Council Office; Keith Larsen, Bowen and Collins; Jack Stauss, Save our Canyons; Scott Narus, Citizen.

## **Welcome and Introductions**

Kathryn Floor chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone to the committee meeting.

Laura Briefer introduced Holly Lopez, Public Utilities Policy & Public Affairs Director, and gave a brief introduction of her role managing the PUAC.

## **Approve Minutes of December 10, 2025, Meeting**

A motion was made by Tom Godfrey and seconded by Roger Player to approve minutes of the December 10, 2025, PUAC meeting. All members voted to approve.

## **Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for 2026**

A motion was made by Tom Grodrey and seconded by Kathryn Floor. to nominate Chris Shope as Chair for 2026. All members voted to approve. A motion was made by Kathryn Floor and seconded by Dani Cepernich to nominate Sean McKelvie as Vice-Chair for 2026. All members voted to approve.

## **Approve 2026 PUAC Meeting Calendar**

A motion was made by Kathryn Floor and seconded by Sean McKelvie to approve the 2026 PUAC Meeting Calendar

**Monthly Financial Report**  
**Lisa Tarufelli, Finance Administrator**

Lisa Tarufelli gave the financial report for November 30, 2025. A copy of the presentation is attached.

**November 2025**

Water Fund: Operating revenues are 58.87 percent of budget. Operating expenses are 32.74 percent of budget. Water sales are at 56.5 percent of budget. Capital expenditures and encumbrances are 63.19 percent of budget. There are \$86.4 million in 2025 bond proceeds remaining

Sewer Fund: Operating revenues are 49.11 percent of budget. Sewer use charges are 44.9 percent of budget. Operating expenses are 29.16 percent of budget. Capital expenditures and encumbrances are 75.87 percent of budget. There are \$85.77 million in 2025 bond proceeds remaining.

Stormwater Fund: Operating revenues are 44.85 percent of budget. Storm drain fees are 39.8 percent of budget. Operating expenses are 25.87 percent of budget. Capital expenditures and encumbrances are 33.77 percent of budget.

Street Lighting Fund: Operating revenues are 42.97 percent of budget. Operating expenses are 40.62 percent of budget. Streetlighting fees are 39 percent of budget. Capital expenditures and encumbrances 14.56 percent of budget.

Overall, operating revenues are 53.84 percent, operating expenses are 31.48 percent and capital expenditures and encumbrances are 68.53 percent of budget. Delinquent billings are 3.62 percent. There are \$172.17 million in 2025 bond proceeds remaining.

Customer service staff mailed 4,500 delinquent notices. Total call volume is just under 5,900 calls and there were 601 walk-in customers. No new bankruptcies.

Public Utilities is currently conducting an impact fee study and facility plans, and a streetlighting rate study, these are expected to be completed this spring. Public Utilities has completed the annual reporting as required by the Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act and currently working on the quarterly report due January 31, 2026. Billing software is in the process of being replaced, this is expected to be completed in 2027.

**Sewer Rate Adjustments**  
**Jesse Stewart, Deputy Director; Jacob Jorgensen, Financial Analyst**

Jesse Stewart discussed sewer rate adjustments for multi-family class structures. The current rate structure includes a fixed charge of \$3.70 per ERU and a flow-based charge calculated using total water consumption. The flow-based charge is determined by applying 70 percent of the water bill and multiplying that volume by \$8.56 per cubic foot of water. Due to the variety of multi-family housing types and differences in water use patterns, SLCDPU has contracted rate consultants to



evaluate appropriate classification and billing methods for multi-family units. In the interim, Jesse explained the billing methods currently under consideration that would provide possible variances to the 70%. A motion was made by Dani Cepernich and seconded by Roger Player, for the interim analyses and variance to use recent annual average winter water consumption (AWC) as a percentage of total annual water use. The motion further allows staff to recommend deviations from this default calculation when justified, based on information provided by the customer or by the City. The recommendation would proceed through the established ordinance process for Committee review and determination on whether to file. After discussion, all members voted to approve.

### **2026 Legislative Session Laura Briefer**

Laura Briefer provided an update on the current Utah State Legislative session. The Salt Lake City Department of Public Utilities is currently tracking twenty proposed bills. These bills address construction codes, land use, data center water use, water rates, cybersecurity requirements for water providers, Jordan River restoration, water loss tracking, and drinking water system restructuring. Most are in support or neutral, while three bills may require recommended changes or amendments.

### **Public Comment**

Salt Lake City Resident Scott Narus expressed appreciation to the Committee for its consideration of the sewer rate adjustments. He also thanked Public Utilities staff for the unrecognized work they perform daily to protect public health and to serve the community.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:14 am.**

**Next meeting will be February 26, 2026 at 7:30 am**

