

**MINUTES
R6 REGIONAL COUNCIL
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

DATE: January 7, 2026
PLACE: 82 E 600 N, Richfield
TIME: 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDING:**Executive Board**

Commissioner Scott Bartholomew
Commissioner Roger Brian
Commissioner Greg Jensen
Commissioner Trevor Johnson
Commissioner Clinton Painter
Commissioner Sam Steed

Mayor Travis Good
Mayor Noreen Johnson
Mayor Johnny Parsons
Mayor Justin Seely
Councilman Nate Taylor

Staff

Kayla Ballow
Brock Jackson
Doug Kirkham
Travis Kyhl
Shaun Kjar
Pam Morrison
Shay Morrison
Cade Penney
Maradee Peterson
Jess Peterson
Amy Rosquist
JaLyne Roundy
John Syphrett
Michelle Standley
Jeff Tanner
Tyler Timmons

Congressional Staff

Jeff Raisor
Bruce Summers
Holly Sweeten
Gary Webster

Other

Representative Carl Albrecht
Jody Gale
Commissioner Marvin Kenison
Gabe Miller
Commissioner Marty Palmer
Rick Roberts
Representative Troy Shelley
Heidi Stringham
Trent Wilde

Welcome/ Meeting Called to Order

Commissioner Greg Jensen welcomed all and called the meeting to order.

Approval of Minutes- Commissioner Scott Bartholomew made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 5, 2025 Executive Board Meeting. Commissioner Clinton Painter seconded the motion. Motion approved.

FYI- Mr. Travis Kyhl introduced the new board members, Mayfield Mayor Travis Good and Delta City Councilman Nate Taylor. Each took a few minutes to introduce themselves. Mr. Kyhl also introduced Mr. Jeff Tanner as the new Economic Development Coordinator and Ms. Maradee Peterson as the new Director of the Aging Department.

R6 Programs, Ongoing Projects & Reports

Legislative Reports- Representative Carl Albrecht updated the group on issues expected to be discussed during the upcoming legislative session. He noted that the state will be operating under a tight budget and that the “Big Beautiful Bill” is projected to reduce Utah’s state tax revenue by approximately \$500 million. Representative Albrecht highlighted several proposed bills, including legislation related to SITLA and cultural surveys, a drinking water bill, and a nuclear amendments bill. He stated that the nation is experiencing an energy shortage and that Utah is positioned as a critical part of the solution. Representative Troy Shelley advised Board members that if a proposed bill would negatively affect them, they should determine how it could be improved and communicate those concerns with their legislators. Representative Shelley also talked about how carbon credits are generating substantial revenue for Utah.

Action: No action needed

Audit Review- Copies of the audit report were distributed to board members. Mr. Gabe Miller and Mr. Rick Roberts gave brief reports on the audit and stated that the agency is compliant with state and federal regulations. Commissioner Clinton Painter made a motion to approve the audit report. Councilman Nate Taylor seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Action: No action needed

Agripark Update- Mr. Shaun Kjar reported that the 930-acre land deal has closed. The property is located northwest of Nephi City and is privately owned for the first time. He noted that Nephi City officials met the previous evening to begin the annexation process. Mr. Kjar stated that he is working on geothermal rights and a study focused on infrastructure grants. The master planning process has begun, and Mr. Kjar indicated he is available to answer any questions. Mr. Travis Kyhl advised the Board that the agency’s attorney has indicated the R6 Executive Board is liable for decisions made by the Agripark Board. He asked Board members to consider this issue and noted that a future meeting would include discussion on whether those decisions should continue to be delegated.

Action: No action needed

R6 Recognition Banquet- Mr. Travis Kyhl asked the Board for feedback on the Recognition Banquet. Several members shared positive comments, noting that they appreciated holding the banquet at the R6 building.

Action: No action needed

Congressional Briefing Update- Mr. Travis Kyhl reported that he and Mr. Darin Bushman traveled to Washington, D.C. for congressional outreach, which he described as successful. He noted that the Congressional Briefing will take place August 10–12 and that they will return to the original plan of inviting key congressional staffers. During the trip, Mr. Kyhl gathered names, priority topics, and key legislation, and stated that a strong working list has been developed.

Action: No action needed

RLF Board Members- Ms. Amy Rosquist reminded the Executive Board of the composition of the Loan Administration Board (LAB) and noted that there is currently a vacancy due to Mayor Torgerson no

longer serving on the Executive Board. Commissioner Clinton Painter made a motion to appoint Mayor Justin Seely to the LAB. Commissioner Roger Brian seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Action: No action needed

Financial Update- Ms. JaLyne Roundy directed board members to turn their attention to the financial statement provided to them. She gave an update on the agency's financial situation at this point in the fiscal year. Commissioner Scott Bartholomew made a motion to approve the financial report. Councilman Nate Tylor seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Action: No action needed

Program Updates- Ms. Maradee Peterson and Ms. Michelle Standley from the Aging Department provided the Board with information on programs within their department, specifically the Ombudsman Program and the Veteran-Directed Care Program. Ms. Pam Morrison and Ms. Kayla Ballow from the Housing and Community Action Programs Department highlighted the Mutual Self-Help Housing Program. All presenters answered questions from the Board, and members expressed appreciation for the valuable services these programs provide to the region.

Action: No action needed

Other- Mr. Shay Morrison provided a brief update on Project Portal, proposing that it would be beneficial for entities to prioritize their own projects without county oversight. He asked if any Board members had objections to him approaching the Community Impact Board with this request; no objections were raised. Mayor Justin Seely reminded elected officials to keep the Central Utah Leadership Academy in mind as they formulate their budgets.

Action: No action needed

Economic Development Update

County- Mr. Jeff Tanner, Regional Economic Development Coordinator, officially introduced himself to the board and gave a brief overview of economic development activity in each of the counties.

Action: No action needed

Congressional/State Reports

Senator Lee- Mr. Gary Webster reported on Senator Lee's activity. For information on Senator Lee, please refer to his website at lee.senate.gov.

Representative Maloy- Mr. Bruce Summers reported on Representative Maloy's activity. For information on Representative Maloy, please refer to her website at maloy.house.gov.

Senator Curtis- Mr. Jeff Raisor reported on Senator Curtis's activity. For information on Representative Curtis, please refer to his website at curtis.house.gov.

Representative Owens- Ms. Holly Sweeten reported on Representative Owens's activity. For information on Representative Owens, please refer to his website at owens.house.gov.

State/Federal Agency Reports

USU- Mr. Jody Gale, representing USU Extension, reported that snowpack levels are very low and that accumulated lake water is below average. He noted that grasshopper populations are increasing and shared information about upcoming agriculture workshops scheduled for January and February.

Snow College- Ms. Heidi Stringham from Snow College provided an update on the Electrical Apprenticeship Program. She noted strong student interest but indicated that the program is currently lacking sufficient industry partners.

Action: No action requested by congressional or state representatives.

Clearinghouse Review- Mayor Justin Seely made a motion to approve the clearinghouse review. Commissioner Sam Steed seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Adjourn 11:02 a.m.