

**MINUTES OF THE  
UTAH PRIVACY COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, February 25, 2026 ▪ 11:00 a.m.  
Virtual Meeting ▪ Anchor Location: Room 220, East Building, Utah Capitol Complex

**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 Jeremy Baker
Commissioner Ryan Arbon	Commissioner Josh Daniels
Commissioner Tanner Jensen	

**Absent Commission Members:**

Commissioner Brandon Greenwood

**Other Attendees:**

Tina Cannon, Utah State Auditor  
Bon Lee, Privacy Audit Outreach  
Mark Meyer, Assistant State Privacy Auditor  
Christopher Bramwell, Chief Privacy Officer  
Shane Paul, Office of Data Privacy  
Lana Taylor, Office of Data Privacy  
Sam Steffensen, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Mandy Teerlink, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Sydney Ohlensehlen, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Rahn Rampton, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
BJ Griffin, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Tristan Olcott, Office of the Utah State Auditor  
Shanna Durrant, Department of Public Safety  
Marie Martin, Attorney General's Office  
Elliott Clark, Attorney General's Office  
Jeff Johnson, Utah System of Higher Education  
Maryann Christensen, Utah Legislature Watch  
George McEwan  
Christy Henshaw  
Ron Mortensen

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 February 25, 2026 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 11:06pm.

**2. Approval of minutes of the February 11, 2026 meeting**

Chair Sonnenreich asked for a vote to approve the February 11, 2026 minutes. Commissioner Vorwaller

requested clarification on a paragraph in the minutes but declined the need to revise the minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Vorwaller moved that February 11, 2026 meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Wood. The motion passed unanimously. [Please refer to 00:19:17 in the recording to hear the motion.]

### 3. State Privacy Audit Team Report

#### *HB 542 – Multifactor Authentication Amendments*

Auditor Tina Cannon expressed concern that HB 542 removes the requirement for Multi-factor authentication on state accounts. The commission discussed how the bill repeals **Section 63A-16-214**, which may be somewhat outdated, but does not replace it with any other security measures. Commissioner Smith pointed out that an ad-hoc approach to cybersecurity will not be as effective as systemic model. Commissioner McCown expressed a desire for better instructions for implementing cloud models, but again, was concerned that the bill does not provide an alternative solution.

Chair Sonnenreich also expressed concern about the message that repealing **Section 63A-16-214**, without any adjustment, would give to the public. The commission also discussed the importance of codifying something like cybersecurity, versus putting it into policy.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Baker moved that the commission not support HB 542, but that the commission would consider supporting a bill that provides specific changes to the existing statute. Commissioner Vorwaller requested that the commission not support SB 123 as part of the motion. There was a discussion of the importance of having appropriate cybersecurity provisions including multi-factor authentication in code, as opposed to in policy. The motion to not support SB 123 and HB 542 but to consider supporting a bill that provides specific changes to the existing statute passed unanimously. [Please refer to 00:56:31 in the recording to hear the motion.]

### 4. Office of Data Privacy Report

#### *HB 450 – Data Privacy Amendments*

Chief Privacy Officer Christopher Bramwell presented the Data Privacy Amendments bill, which includes changes to student data protection, the role of the privacy ombuds, and the creation of a formalized complaint process.

Auditor Cannon made comments regarding her concerns about the bill's removing the state privacy auditor from its role of independent oversight, and the changes in defining what constitutes a breach. Auditor Cannon also expressed concern about the reasoning behind these changes, and what that could mean for privacy in the state.

CPO Bramwell clarified that the breach definitions are meant to delineate between one-off mistakes versus systemic issues. Every individual involved in a breach should receive notification. The amendments change which data breaches are reported to the Cyber Center. Commissioners discussed how the reporting requirement should be changed, but not completely taken away, to accommodate the needs of the Cyber Center and the needs of the public.

Further discussion of the State Privacy Auditor role occurred, with Commissioner McCown wanting to understand the role of audits in government (financial vs. performance).

The Director of the Antitrust and Data Privacy Division of the Utah Attorney General's Office, Marie Martin, also requested that the bill receive further study.

**Public Comments:**

Christy Henshaw expressed concerns about the bill, as did Ron Mortensen.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Shelton moved that the commission recommend further study of the bill via interim session, unless a substitution is provided prior to the end of session that would address the commission's concerns. After a roll call vote, the motion passed with seven votes for, Commissioner Vorwaller against, and Commissioner Jensen abstaining. [Please refer to 01:49:00 and 02:18:25 in the recording to hear the motion.]

**5. Other Business**

Chair Sonnenreich requested that the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting move to August 19<sup>th</sup>. No concerns were expressed and the meeting will be moved to that date. He also requested that the November 11<sup>th</sup> meeting move from Veteran's Day to November 4<sup>th</sup>, but with the input of other commissioners, the meeting will be moved to November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Adjourn**

Chair Sonnenreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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