



Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for February 9, 2026

The Wasatch Open Lands Board met in regular session live and on-line Monday, February 9, 2026, in the Wasatch County Chambers located in the Wasatch County Administrative Building at 25 North Main, Heber City, Utah 84032.

A video recording of the meeting may be viewed by using the Wasatch County Public Portal (<https://wasatchcout.portal.civicclerk.com/>) and selecting the desired meeting.

Call to Order

Summary: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Board-Chair Franco with the following members in attendance:

Councilmember Present

Board Member Heidi Franco,
Councilmember Karl McMillan,
Councilmember Erik Rowland, Dallin
Koecher, Open Lands Board Member
Steve Stevens, Open Lands Board Member
Justin Keys, Open Lands Board Member
Tracy Taylor

Councilmember Absent

Others in attendance: Tiarra Cooper

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of January 12, 2026 Minutes

Action Taken: Councilmember McMillan made a motion to **Approve the minutes for January 12, 2026 with the edit to the Mayor term as chair of the board from 2025 to 2026.** Open Lands Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Justin Keys, Tracy Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Abstention: Steve Stevens, Karl McMillan

Public Comment

No public was in attendance.

Agenda Items

1. NOI – Notice of Interest Applications: Board discussion, updates, & action.
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Giles property still hasn't received NRCS funding.

Pear Tree Llama is still raising funds.

Lundin is still in process.

Dallin Koecher joined the meeting.

2. Updates/Reports from Wasatch County Council, Midway City, and Heber City on open space bond funding, and preservation efforts. –

Midway City:

April 11th open house on conservation easements in Midway City from 11AM-1PM.

Board inquired about WOLB having a table at the open house for information distribution.

Wasatch County:

Update given during first item about Giles property.

Heber City:

Heber City met with Summit Land Conservancy and Senator Ron Winterton regarding the Jordanelle Ridge Open Space Agreement accepting the terms proposed by Jordanelle Ridge developers.

Design and construction of Muirfield Park is being supported by the city without affecting the conservation easement portion.

City wide survey in March update with an additional question gauging resident interest in an open space bond.

3. Miscellaneous Items, call for next month's agenda items. –

Next meeting have goals for 2026.

Heidi Franco shared draft letter of statement to Utah Department of Transportation for board's feedback. Board supported sharing points of discussion with the County

Council meeting on February 11th, 2026. Board supported a letter from the board focusing on how the bypass affects approved conservation easements.

Tracy Taylor followed up on disclosure notices.

Closed Session – as needed

Closed sessions may be held in accordance with Utah State Code 52-4-205 to discuss the following: Purchase, Exchange or Lease of Property; Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation; The Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.

Adjournment

Action Taken: Boardmember Koecher made a motion to "Adjourn".

Councilmember McMillan seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Karl McMillan, Erik Rowland, Dallin Koecher, Steve Stevens, Justin Keys, Tracy Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Meeting Schedule

January 12, 2026, February 9, 2026, March 9, 2026, April 13, 2026, May 11, 2026, June 8, 2026, July 13, 2026, August 10, 2026, September 14, 2026, October 19, 2026 (Moved from October 12th due to the holiday), November 9, 2026, December 14, 2026.

Chair

Attest