

1 **Joint Cache County Council of Governments (COG) & Cache**
2 **Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) Executive**
3 **Council Meeting**
4 **February 23, 2026**
5 **Minutes**
6 **Approved March 23, 2026**

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8 The Cache County Council of Governments met in regular session on February 23, 2026 at
9 5:00 pm, in the first-floor Multipurpose Room, Cache County Administration Building at 179 N
10 Main St, Logan UT 84321.

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12 **ATTENDANCE**

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14 **Board Members Present:**

15 Ryan Thopson – Clarkson (COG)
16 Brady Bodily – Lewiston (COG)
17 Lyndsay Peterson – North Logan (COG & CMPO)
18 Aaron Rudy – Smithfield (COG & CMPO)
19 Steve Miller – Hyrum (COG & CMPO)
20 David Wood – Amalga (COG)
21 Chad Lindley –Wellsville (COG & CMPO)
22 George Daines – County Executive (COG & CMPO)
23 Ed Buist – Mendon (COG)
24 Craig Rigby – Newton (COG)
25 Erick Simmonds –Trenton (COG)
26 Jeanie Simmonds – Logan (CMPO)
27 Jeff Young –Richmond (COG)
28 Todd Beutler – Connect Transit (CMPO)

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31 **Board Members Online:**

32 Kathleen Alder – Providence (COG & CMPO)
33 Blake Wright – River Heights (COG & CMPO)

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35 **Others in Attendance:**

36 Jesse Mott – COG Staff
37 Jeff Gilbert – COG & CMPO Staff
38 Isaac Gardner -- COG & CMPO Staff
39 Clay Bodily –Smithfield City

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41 **05:00:00**

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43 **#1 Welcome and Introductions**
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45 **Mayor Buist** called the meeting to order and asked for introductions

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47 **Mayor Buist** turned the time over to Jesse Mott.

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49 Jesse Mott passed around a contact list and requested those present to edit or update
50 as needed.

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52 Jesse Mott provided a detailed overview of the origin, purpose and function of the COG,
53 along with the role and responsibility of individual board members on the COG (using a
54 PowerPoint presentation).

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56 Mayor Peterson (COG Executive Committee Member) reinforced Mayor Buist's opening
57 comments on the importance of regional collaboration and coordination with adjacent
58 communities. She expressed support for Mayor Buist's leadership and pointed to his
59 experience on the COG. She also encouraged new COG members to take advantage of
60 staff to help answer questions and provide information.

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62 County Executive Daines (COG Executive Committee member) described his
63 involvement in establishing the funding and initial organization of the COG in 2008 while
64 serving as the Cache County Attorney. He spoke about the need to approach service on
65 the COG from a regional perspective, emphasizing that all communities in Cache Valley
66 have an interest in a well-functioning transportation system. County Executive Daines
67 acknowledged that each COG member represents their own community's interests but
68 encouraged members to also consider the most efficient regional solutions.

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70 County Executive Daines complimented the COG on its historical effectiveness and
71 indicated that the County Council has confidence in the organization. He pointed to the
72 rural set-aside as an effective policy to balance the needs of the county's rural areas.
73 He reinforced the idea that valley residents care about transportation and managing
74 congestion.

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76 County Executive Daines discussed the financial standing of the COG and noted that
77 this year's allocation will be reduced from last year. He indicated his intent to request
78 that the County Council allocate additional county funds for this year's funding cycle for
79 the COG to distribute to worthy projects. However, he emphasized that it is critical for
80 the COG to maintain its regional, collaborative mindset for that additional funding
81 request to be successful.

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83 In closing, County Executive Daines emphasized that the COG collectively establishes
84 its rules and policies, and that staff's role is to support the implementation of those
85 policies and procedures.

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87 Mayor Young asked how the COG can evaluate a project's impact on regional
88 congestion relief versus a more localized benefit. County Executive Daines responded
89 that the COG will need to rely on staff for that technical analysis.

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91 Jeff Gilbert provided a detailed overview of the origin, purpose and function of the
92 CMPO, along with the role and responsibility of individual board members on the CMPO
93 (using a PowerPoint presentation).

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95 **6:49 PM**

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97 The joint COG and CMPO meeting adjourned

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