



Wasatch Open Lands Board Meeting Minutes

DRAFT Minutes for March 9, 2026

The Wasatch Open Lands Board met in regular session live and on-line Monday, March 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 6:37 PM by Board Chair Mayor Heidi Franco with the following members in attendance:

Board Member Present

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

Board Member Absent

Open Lands Board Member Justin Keys

Others in attendance: Tiarra Cooper

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of February 9, 2026 Minutes

Video Time Stamp (00:10:28)

Action Taken: Open Lands Board Member Taylor made a motion to "**Approve the minutes for February 9th, 2026 as presented**". Open Lands Board Member Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Dallin Koecher, Steve Stevens, Tracy Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Public Comment

No public comments were made during the meeting.

Agenda Items

1. NOI – Notice of Interest Applications: Board discussion, updates, & action.
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Video Time Stamp (00:12:16)

Request details on \$2M matching funds from Wendy Fisher.

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

Video Time Stamp (00:12:40)

Wasatch County:

Update on letter from County Council to Utah Department of Transportation.

Giles conservation easement funded and is complete.

Midway City:

Vote to sign with the County Council on letter to Utah Department of Transportation.

Heber City:

Muirfield Park building project update. Waiting on Army Core of Engineers.

Goals for open space and community outreach for education.

Erik Rowland suggested a goal of having an open lands festival. Potential for connecting with America 250 or Heritage Days.

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

Video Time Stamp (00:00:52)

Discussion and Consideration of proposed draft letter in response to the Utah Department of Transportation Draft Environmental Impact Study.

Action Taken: Open Lands Board Member Taylor made a motion to **"Approve and endorse letter as written on behalf of the Open Lands Board"**. Open Lands Board Member Stevens seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Erik Rowland, Dallin Koecher, Steve Stevens, Tracy

Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Video Time Stamp: (00:29:35)

Dallin Koecher discussed Destination Development Strategic Plan survey sent to board. Tiarra replied all to email so that it was brought back up to the top of all board members email.

Note: Karl McMillan joined meeting at 7:00PM.

Note: Dallin Koecher was excused from meeting at 7:30PM.

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: Open Lands Board Member Koecher made a motion to "**Adjourn the meeting**". Open Lands Board Member Taylor seconded the motion. The motion passed with the following vote:

Voting Aye: Heidi Franco, Karl McMillan, Erik Rowland, Steve Stevens, Tracy Taylor

Voting Nay: None

Abstain: Dallin Koecher

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