

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH PRIVACY COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 ▪ 2:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting ▪ Anchor Location: Aspen Room, East Building, Utah Capitol Complex

Participating Commission Members:

Commissioner David N. Sonnenreich	Commissioner Don Wood
Commissioner Jason Shelton	Commissioner Sam Smith
Commissioner Tanner Jensen	Commissioner Steve McCown
Commissioner J. Kent Millington	Commissioner Jeremy Baker
Commissioner Josh Daniels	

Absent Commission Members:

Commissioner Brandon Greenwood	Commissioner Micah Vorwaller
Commissioner Ryan Arbon	

Other Attendees:

Tina Cannon, Utah State Auditor
Bon Lee, Privacy Audit Outreach
Mark Meyer, Assistant State Privacy Auditor
Shane Paul, 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
Tristan Olcott, Office of the Utah State Auditor
Shanna Durrant, Department of Public Safety
Elliott Clark, Attorney General's Office
Phil Bates, Utah Cyber Center
Shelly Teuscher
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 March 4, 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 2:33 pm.

2. Approval of minutes of the February 25, 2026 meeting

Chair Sonnenreich asked for a vote to approve the February 25, 2026 minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner McCown moved that February 25, 2026 meeting minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Smith. The motion passed unanimously. [Please refer to 00:9:27 in the recording to hear the motion.]

3. HB 450 Update

Auditor Tina Cannon provided an update on new changes to HB 450 (Substitution 5) that addressed many of the concerns brought up in the previous commission meeting. In particular, although the position of State Privacy Auditor would be removed from the statutes, the State Auditor would continue to have express statutory authority to audit data privacy practices. Auditor Cannon expressed approval of the changes and how they would affect the Auditor's Office.

MOTION: Commissioner McCown moved to support the bill with the new substitution, seconded by Commissioner Wood. The motion passed unanimously, with Commissioner Jensen abstaining. [Please refer to 00:18:11 in the recording to hear the motion.]

4. **SB 123 Update**

Chair Sonnenreich explained some of the updates to SB 123 and an amendment that was influenced by the Utah Cyber Center. Phil Bates, Director of the Cyber Center, spoke briefly about changes recommended by the Cyber Center, including aligning code with policy, CIS benchmarks, and alignment with best practices. There was discussion of a proposed Amendment 1, supported by the Cyber Center, that would codify use of the CIS benchmarks in statute.

MOTION: Commissioner Jensen moved to support SB 123 on the condition that Amendment 1 is included, seconded by Commissioner Shelton. [Please refer to 00:37:50 in the recording to hear the motion.]

5. **Other Bills Affecting Privacy**

- SB 275 – State endorsed digital identity bill passed. This bill was discussed in previous commission meetings. Commissioner Smith commented that this bill is landmark legislation that could impact policy in other states across the country.
- HB 325 Substitute 3 will likely pass. The commission's concern with that one was with private information and tax abatements and changing those classifications.
- HB 357 Substitute 1 will likely pass at the end of session.
- HB 327 License Plate Reader Amendments likely will not pass. The bill still has some issues to be resolved between law enforcement agencies and legislators. Commissioner Wood noted that this bill was in the same situation at the end of session in 2025. There was discussion about the Commission trying to determine what objections stakeholders continue to have to the bill and how those could be addressed in a bill for the next legislative session.

6. **Other Business**

The Commission will reconvene on April 8th.

7. **Adjourn**

Chair Sonnenreich called for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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