



USU Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting

Friday, April 10, 2026, at 8:00 – 8:30 AM

Attendance

Trustees:

Tessa White, Chair
Brett Hugie
David Huntsman
Luke Johnson

Gina Gagon, Vice Chair
Kacie Malouf
Jacey Skinner
Brandon Sorensen

Ryan Dent
Clark Whitworth
Dave Petersen (absent)

University representatives:

Brad Mortensen, President
Paul Barr
Scott Bernhardt
Janalyn Brown
Stephen Campbell
Dave Cowley

Pam Dupin-Bryant
Haly Klaassen
Burke Nazer
Jessica Oyler
Bill Plate
Justen Smith

Larry Smith
MaKenzie Stock
Cam Walker
Courtney White
Devin Wiser

Agenda

- 1. Welcome and Call to Order** **8:00 AM**
Chair White called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

- 2. Promotion and Tenure Process** **8:01 AM**
Presenter: President Brad Mortensen, Provost and EVP Larry Smith

President Mortensen provided an overview of [USU's promotion and tenure process](#). The six-year process includes rigorous evaluations, with candidates submitting dossiers reviewed by external peers and university groups. This year, 83 candidates were recommended for promotion and tenure across various levels.

- 3. Action Agenda** **8:08 AM**
3.1 Approve: Promotion and Tenure

Presenter: President Brad Mortensen, Provost and EVP Larry Smith

The President and Provost recommended 83 candidates for promotion and tenure. All individuals had completed the evaluations outlined in the promotion and tenure process.

Provost Smith prepared notification letters for approved candidates, pending final approval, to be delivered at the end of the meeting.

Motion: Vice Chair Gagon moved that the Utah State University Board of Trustees approve the promotion and tenure recommendations as presented, effective July 1, 2026, as recommended by the President. Trustee David Huntsman seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

4. Consent Agenda

8:10 AM

4.1 Expedited Tenure and Rank Review

4.1.1 David Fukuda - Department Head of Kinesiology and Health Science

Motion: Trustee Luke Johnson moved that the Utah State University Board of Trustees approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Trustee Clark Whitworth seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

5. Adjourn

8:12 AM

Motion: Trustee Ryan Dent moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Clark Whitworth seconded the motion. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 am.

Tessa White, Chair

Janalyn Brown, Secretary

Date Approved