

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
MARCH 10, 2026

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Katie Eccles (Chair)
Kathi Garff (via Zoom)
Christena Huntsman
Karen Marriott
Steve Miller (via Zoom)

Alex Rose
Bassam Salem (via Zoom)
Randy Shumway
Jamie Sorenson

EXCUSE

Curt Doman

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Bob Carter	Executive Vice President, Health Sciences, and CEO, University of Utah Health
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Chase Hagood	Vice Provost for Student Success
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Steve Hess	Chief Information Officer
Chloe Jones	Executive Director, Utah Presents
Lori Kaczka	Executive Director, Facilities and Capital Projects
Teresa Kehl	Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the First Lady, President's Office
Paul Kohn	Sr. Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment and Student Success
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Laura Marks	Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Allie Menzdorf	President, Staff Council
Melody Murdock	Director, Strategic Communications
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager
Jason Perry	Vice President, Government Relations
Richard Preiss	President, Academic Senate
Annalisa Purser	Director of Board Governance, Policy and Operations
Taylor Randall	President
Jenn Reed	Sr. Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services
Jim Russell	Chief Facilities Officer
John Scheib	Dean, College of Fine Arts, and Associate Vice President for the Arts
Josh Shulruff	Campus Dialogue Program Manager
Laura Snow	Interim Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences
Keith Squires	Chief Safety Officer
Natalie Tippetts	Associate Director, Government Relations
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Phyllis Vetter	General Counsel and Vice President
Tony Wagner	Chief Financial Officer
Danny Wall	Administrative Director, Real Estate
Rebecca Walsh	Director, Public Relations & Communications

OTHERS

Nate Talley CFO, Utah System of Higher Education
MECHA Students

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Eccles welcomed Trustees and others in attendance and excused Trustee Curt Doman and Provost Montoya who were unable to attend.

Chair Eccles also welcomed Utah System of Higher Education CFO Nate Talley and Karen Marriott as a new Trustee. Trustee Marriott is a longtime community advocate and philanthropist and serves on the boards of her family's J. W. and Alice S. Marriott Foundation and numerous community-building nonprofits in her hometown of Park City.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the February 10 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Report of Investments Portfolio – for the Month of December (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Faculty Awards (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Implementation of name change to the Intermountain Industrial Assessment Center (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – Discontinue Certificate – Sustainability (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Metallurgical Engineering Proposals (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Philosophy Proposals (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Edits – Mathematics Teaching BA/BS (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Name Changes to Emphases in Special Education BS (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Revise Policy – Policy 3-233: Operation of Vehicles on Pedestrian Walks (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Naming – C.J. Cron Batting Cages in the Baseball Stadium (Appendix XII)

Prior to the motion to approve the consent calendar, Chair Eccles thanked the University's faculty for their dedication and commitment to teaching and took a moment to highlight General Consent item 2.05: Faculty Awards.

She highlighted professor Robert Keiter, who earned the Hatch Teaching Prize; Tuba Yilmaz, who received the John R. Park Teaching Fellowship; and Gage Williams, with a 30-year career at the U, who received the distinction of University Professor for the 2026-2028 academic years and is launching an innovative new teaching project using AI as a collaborator in design and visual storytelling.

Chair Eccles gave thanks to these educators, including the Distinguished Professor recipients and the Early Career Teaching Award recipients, for their commitment to teaching.

Chair Eccles also noted that there were several changes to majors, emphases, and minors that went through the rigorous University approval process and were also reviewed by the Board's Academic Committee. She acknowledged the intentionality of the work done to respond to student needs, improve workforce alignment, and increase coordination between colleges, while also increasing efficiencies and effectiveness.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Jamie Sorenson, second by Christena Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Jamie Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and can be found online (in BoardDocs) with each agenda item or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Naming – Facilities in the Baseball Stadium

Jerome Davies, Chief Philanthropy Officer presented item 3.01.

Tom & Stephanie Stuart Athletic Performance Center: In recognition of a \$1,000,000 gift from Tom D. Stuart, the University of Utah would like to name the athletic performance center in the baseball stadium in their honor. A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full on or before December 31, 2029.

Gustafson Family Club: In recognition of a \$500,000 gift from Linda L. and C. Samuel Gustafson, the University of Utah would like to name the club area in the baseball stadium in their honor. A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full on or before December 31, 2030.

Motion to approve the namings within the Baseball Stadium as presented by Karen Marriott, second by Alex Rose. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – Naming – Dr. Julie Hansen Conference Center in the James LeVoy Sorenson Center for Medical Innovation Building

Jerome Davies, Chief Philanthropy Officer presented item 3.02.

Dr. Julie Hansen Conference Center: In recognition of a \$2,000,000 gift from Dell Loy and Julie Aiken Hansen, the University of Utah would like to name the conference center in the James LeVoy Sorenson Center for Medical Innovation in honor of Julie Hansen. A fully executed gift agreement is in place, and the gift will be paid in full on or before December 31, 2030.

Motion to approve naming of the Dr. Julie Hansen Conference Center in the James LeVoy Sorenson Center for Medical Innovation Building by Randy Shumway, second by Jamie Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – Huntsman Cancer Hospital Theranostics Clinical Growth Expansion Project

Gina Hawley, System Associate Chief Operating Officer for U Health and Don Miligan, Chief Administrative Officer for Huntsman Cancer Hospital, presented item 3.03.

To support growing clinical trends toward advancements in cancer treatments, the theranostics program at the Huntsman Cancer Hospital will be expanded by modifying existing physical space. Theranostics combines targeted diagnostic imaging with personalized radiopharmaceutical therapy to precisely identify and treat cancer at the molecular level. its rapid growth, driven by expanding therapies and strong outcomes, makes remodeling essential to safely scale access and support future cancer care. This project would convert existing office and multipurpose space on level 6 of Huntsman Cancer Hospital into new 11 Theranostic exam rooms, 8 Early Clinical Trials Infusion bays/rooms, a CTP Specimen Processing Lab, and staff support space.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the project.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve moving forward with design and construction for the Huntsman Cancer Hospital and Huntsman Cancer Institute Theranostics Clinical Growth Expansion project by Christena Huntsman, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.04 – Vice-chair Elections

Chris Nelson, Secretary to the University, introduced the vice chair election.

Secretary Nelson noted the Board of Trustees' vice chair position was recently vacated when David Parkin's term ended earlier this year. In accordance with the Board bylaws, Chair Eccles solicited interest and confirmed that Trustee Randy Shumway, who has served with the Board since 2019, was interested and committed to serving in this capacity. The Board conducted an electronic ballot confirming support for this recommendation.

Motion to approve Randy Shumway as Vice Chair for the Board of Trustees by Jamie Sorenson, second by Bassam Salem. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 5:01 – Current Events and 5.02 – 2026 Honorary Degree Recipients

Chair Eccles congratulated the women's tennis team on their recent win and wished luck to the ski team as they prepare for their 18th national championship this weekend in Park City.

Chair Eccles acknowledged that the Board Honors Committee selected the 2026 Honorary Degree recipients and thanked Trustee Jamie Sorenson, Chair, and the committee members for their work. Trustee Sorenson introduced the slate of recipients, which includes Clark Ivory, Ronald Rasband, and Meeche White. Trustee Sorenson shared biographical information about each recipient, and a written announcement / news release was provided to Trustees.

Next, Chair Eccles acknowledged the student demonstrators who attended the meeting. One of the students in the audience spoke up saying they appreciated the response received from administration the night before and hoped their demands are reviewed thoroughly and taken seriously. The student continued, saying that the students of this University deserve explicit protections against I.C.E.

Chair Eccles thanked the students for expressing their concerns and sharing their suggestions respectfully and for being open to engaging in dialogue. She stated that the Board recognizes that immigration enforcement is a deeply personal and emotional issue for many of our students, patients, faculty and staff, as well as their families and stated that the Board takes seriously its role in supporting the administration to properly protect student, patient, and employee privacy; ensure access to support resources; follow the law; and communicate clearly about University policies to everyone in our community.

She then turned the time to Keith Squires, Chief Safety Officer, to update the Board on immigration enforcement issues as they relate to the University. CSO Squires indicated that he was not aware that I.C.E. has been on campus for enforcement in the last seven years. He said the regional director of I.C.E. confirmed that I.C.E. does not direct their officers conduct enforcement in K-12 schools or higher education institutions. In a separate discussion with more senior I.C.E. and Border Patrol officials, they reiterated this information. Squires said he does not support local and state law enforcement participation in the 287G program in order to build trust with the local community regardless of legal status.

Trustee Salem commented he is grateful for the humanity and consideration with which the University balances complicated situations. Vice President Lori McDonald stated there are a multitude of services available to students and the U focuses on creating an environment where students can finish their degrees. Chris Nelson, in his capacity as Chief University Relations Officer, committed to disseminating relevant information to faculty, staff, and students on a regular basis.

A copy of the Honorary Degree press release is included as Appendix XV with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 6.01 – Honors and Awards, Distinguished Visitors, Current Research, and Items of Interest and 6.02 – Current Events

President Randall noted that the Board would have a separate meeting later in the month to vote on the proposed tuition and fees for the 2026-2027 academic year.

Vice President for Government Relations Jason Perry gave a recap of the 2026 Legislative Session.

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 4.01 – University Focus – Utah Presents

John Scheib, Dean, College of Fine Arts and Associate Vice President for the Arts, and Chloe Jones, Executive Director, Utah Presents presented the University Focus.

Executive Director Jones gave an overview of Utah Presents and how its programs and events align with the University's mission and goals.

A copy of the presentation is included as Appendix XIV with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 7.01 – Report from University Administration - Continued

Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Bob Carter highlighted the following:

- CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF SAFEUT IMPACT: SafeUT celebrated 10 years of statewide impact. Since launch, the program has recorded more than 329,000 app downloads, facilitated 2,760 emergency interventions, supported over 203,000 student chats, and received more than 80,000 school safety tips—establishing SafeUT as a national model in youth mental health and school safety. On the first day of the legislative session, the program received an official citation recognizing its contributions to the lives of Utah citizens over the past decade.
- SORENSEN CENTER FOR MEDICAL INNOVATION BUILDING DEDICATION: April 14th – 12:00 – 2:00, 15 South Mario Capecchi Drive

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT (CONTINUED)

University administration continued with item 6.01 – Honors and Awards, Distinguished Visitors, Current Research, and Items of Interest and item 6.02 – Current Events

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ASUU UPDATE

Report: 7:01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Alex Rose shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 8.01 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Richard Preiss, president of the Academic Senate, referred Trustees to the Senate's written report and highlighted faculty support and concerns related to efforts to engage in a higher education system redesign involving both vertical and horizontal integration.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

STAFF COUNCIL

Report: 9.01 – Staff Council Report

Allie Menzdorf, president of Staff Council, shared updates and referred Trustees to the Student Council's PowerPoint Presentation.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XIX with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 10.01 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Information: 10.02– Sponsored Projects Report

Information: 10.03 – Thomas L. Miller, MD, Chief Medical Officer Endowed Chair for Clinical Excellence and Patient Care – for the Cummings Foundation

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XX - XXIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Eccles recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Bassam Salem, second by Christena Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

At 10:18 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting will be a special meeting later in March to vote on tuition. And the next scheduled meeting will be April 14, 2026.

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 14 April 2026

