

MINUTES OF THE SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL  
Tuesday, February 3, 2026

The City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, met on Tuesday, February 3, 2026.

**The following Council Members were present:**

Alejandro Puy, Chris Wharton, Eva Lopez Chavez, Erika Carlsen, Daniel Dugan

**The following Council Members were absent:**

Victoria Petro, Sarah Young

**Present Legislative Leadership:**

Jennifer Bruno – Executive Director, Lehua Weaver – Deputy Director, Nick Tarbet – Deputy Director

**Present Administrative Leadership:**

Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Rachel Otto – Chief of Staff, Jill Love – Chief Administrative Officer

**Present City Staff:**

Mark Kittrell – City Attorney, Keith Reynolds – City Recorder, Caitlin Carlino – Minutes & Records Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 1:18 p.m.

**City Council Retreat Follow-Up**

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Retreat Summary

**Summary:**

Council Member Puy recapped the recent Council Retreat, held on January 27, 2026. Council Member Carlsen stated there would be upcoming one-on-one meetings to clarify goals and strategies. Jennifer Bruno requested feedback on retreat materials and edits.

Council Members reflected on the retreat and discussed 2026 Council priorities.

Discussions included:

- Council Member Dugan thanked staff and expressed appreciation for the work and future discussions.
- Council Member Lopez Chavez said she was unable to attend the retreat and outlined additional priorities for the coming year, including preparing for potential budget changes with a communications plan, addressing the needs of an aging City population, supporting increased arts funding, and discussing a possible Community Reinvestment Agency (CRA)–Arts Council merger.
- Council Member Wharton stated support of the retreat format and raised priorities including legislative and process improvements, distinct and more user-friendly policies (zoning, off-leash dogs, trails signage), traffic safety and enforcement, expansion of murals and public art, and strengthening Council dynamics for more effective disagreement and decision-making.
- Council Member Puy highlighted working on achievable municipal actions despite possible federal constraints, with interest in engaging community groups and advancing ordinances to meet City goals.
- Council Member Carlsen, serving as the Vice Chair, asked Council Members to view her as a partner and emphasized respectful interactions and adherence to orderly processes.

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Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

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City Council Chair – Alejandro Puy

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City Recorder – Keith Reynolds

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