

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Wasatch Front Regional Council
March 26, 2026

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

1. Welcome & Consent Agenda (00:00:03)

At 1:34pm, Commissioner Bob Stevenson, Vice Chair of WFRC Council, welcomed the group to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room and online. **(00:05:30) 1a. ACTION:** Commissioner Stevenson brought attention to the minutes of the Council meeting held on Jan 22, 2026 and the financial statements for December 2025 and January 2026 and entertained a motion to approve these items. Commissioner Jim Harvey made the motion and Mayor Dustin Gettel seconded, and the affirmative vote was unanimous. Commissioner Stevenson excused WFRC Chair Dawn Ramsey from today's meeting.

2. Chair Report (00:06:30)

Commissioner Stevenson turned the time to Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, to share some information regarding session outcomes. Senator Wayne Harper **(00:20:33)**, and Representatives Ariel Defay **(00:24:12)** and Cal Roberts **(00:25:30)** also provided their perspectives on key pieces of transportation, housing, and growth related legislation.

3. Public Comment (00:38:41)

Commissioner Stevenson opened the meeting to public comment. There were no comments made.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) (00:39:13)

Commissioner Stevenson introduced Mayor Tami Tran, who provided an update from the March 19 RGC meeting.

4a: ACTION: Station Area Plans (SAP) Certification (00:39:51)

Mayor Tran introduced Byron Head, WFRC Community Planner, who reviewed the Midvale City portion of the SAP. **(00:46:56) ACTION:** Mayor Tran made a motion to certify the Midvale Fashion Place West Station Area Plan. The motion was seconded by Mayor Dustin Gettel and the motion passed unanimously.

4b: Transportation and Land Use Connection Program 2026 Awarded Projects (00:47:22)

Mayor Tran asked Meg Padjen, WFRC Community and Economic Development Director, to present this item.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) (00:56:17)

Commissioner Stevenson then turned the time to Mayor Mark Shepherd for the Trans Com update, who introduced Ben Wuthrich, Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator at WFRC.

5a. Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Mr. Wuthrich stated that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), requests were received to modify the current 2026-2031 TIP. The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modification is attached to the approved resolution.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) [00:58:08]

Mr. Wuthrich continued the report by briefly describing the modification requests to the current 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **[01:04:40] ACTION:** Mayor Shepherd made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

5c. Report on obligations of federal transportation funds during FY25 [01:05:55] Mr. Wuthrich then presented information on the annual obligations of federal transportation funds during FY25.

6. WFRC Budget Committee (01:13:57)

Commissioner Stevenson then brought the group's attention to Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, WFRC Budget Committee Chair, for the WFRC Budget Committee report.

6a. ACTION: Release the Draft FY27 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment

Councilmember Winder Newton gave a brief introduction and then turned the time over to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, who provided an overview on the process for the FY27 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning

Work Program (UPWP). Mr. Gruber provided a high-level summary of WFRC's FY27 Goals and the UPWP, and then passed the presentation to **[01:16:09]** Marian Florence, Chief Financial Officer at WFRC, who presented the FY27 Draft WFRC Budget. **[01:22:10] ACTION:** Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton made a motion to release the draft FY27 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded the motion. With no further discussion, releasing the three FY27 documents for public comment was approved unanimously.

7. Reports [01:22:38]

7a. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update

Commissioner Gage Froerer, Chair of WFEDD, provided an update on the meeting held March 12. There was a presentation on addressing brownfield areas (land that was previously developed as industrial or commercial use, that may require more rehabilitation before redevelopment) and potential funding sources for communities.

7b. Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2026 Awarded Projects [01:26:22]

Christy Dahlberg, WFRC Community Planner, shared the projects that will potentially be awarded for the 2026 CDBG funding cycle.

7c. Executive Director's Report [01:28:00]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, recognized two employees for reaching five years of service:

Marcia White, Regional Economic Development Planner, and Miranda Jones Cox, Government Affairs Manager.

Mr. Gruber then introduced two new staff members:

Joel Temple, joining WFRC's Long Range Planning group, and Paulo Aguilera, joining WFRC's Community and Economic Development group.

Mr. Gruber acknowledged two awards received by Suzie Swim and Bill Hereth, both with WFRC's Analytics group, and reminded the Council of the upcoming ninth annual Golden Spoke Bike, which will be held on May 16, 2026, and invited them to attend..

8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:34:22]

Commissioner Stevenson reminded the group that the next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, May 28, 2026 and adjourned the meeting at 3:04pm.

Wasatch Front Regional Council

2026 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				Allan Perry, White City Mayor
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Sharon Bolos, Weber County Commissioner
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Jeanne Groberg, Fruit Heights Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Rob Vanderwood, West Haven Mayor
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Dave Maughan, Syracuse Mayor
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	Paul Fotheringham, Holladay Mayor
Member -	Tami Tran, Mayor	Kaysville	Yes	Dustin Gettel, Midvale Mayor
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	Tish Buroker, Riverton Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY				Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City Councilmember
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	No	Laurie Stringham, Salt Lake Co Councilmember
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Cheri Jackson, Millcreek Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Janet Wampler, Ogden Valley City Mayor
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	No	Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	No	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	No	Cameron Diehl, ULCT
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	Yes	Catherine Kanter, Salt Lake Co Deputy Mayor
Member -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor	Herriman	Yes	Utah Representative Cal Roberts
Member -	Monica Zoltanski , Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Ryan Mecham, Sandy City
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	Adam Olsen, Midvale City
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Barry McLerran, Senator Curtis' office
TOOELE COUNTY				Ellen Birrell, Cttnwd Heights Councilmember
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	
Alternate -	Maresa Manzione, Mayor	Tooele City	Yes	
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				WFRC staff:
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	No	Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Bert Granberg,
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Julie Bjornstad, Sarah Lawless, Jory Johner,
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor	Hooper	Yes	Johnnae Nardone, Meg Padjen, Christy Dahlberg,
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	Yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Marcia White, Ben Wuthrich,
UDOT & UTA				Wayne Bennion, Byron Head, Fariba Soltani,
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	No	Marian Florence, Jordan Chandler,
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	Rosie Hernandez. Andrea Pearson
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	
Alternate -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA Board	No	
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co. Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	Yes	
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities & Towns	No	
Member -	Jason Brown, Executive Director	Envision Utah	Yes	
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	State Senate	Yes	
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	State House of Representatives	Yes	
Member -	Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator	GOPB	Yes	