



ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

**UINTAH BASIN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Uintah County Conference Room

152 East 100 North

Vernal, UT

March 26, 2026

10:15 a.m.

MINUTES

1. WELCOME

a. Call to Order

- i. Clyde Watkins

b. Conflict of Interest Declaration

- i. None

c. Approval of UBEDD October 23, 2025 minutes

- i. Motion:
 1. 1st by Commissioner Miles
 2. 2nd by Commissioner Norton
 - a. Approved unanimously

2. NEW BUSINESS

a. Vernal City Creative Housing Solutions

- i. Presented by Vernal City Manager, Quinn Bennion
- ii. Bennion referred to a 2024 Wellness Survey conducted at the state level meant to identify each region's self identified greatest challenges, with housing issues as the top subject. Bennion covered a new housing opportunity creating 18 effective "homes" in a four-story structure called, "Jurassic Heights." He continued by covering zoning specs for 'tiny homes'.

b. Affordable Housing Update

- i. Presented by UBAOG Executive Director, Laurie Brummond.
- ii. Brummond covered challenges around affordable housing costs including sales cost, rates, and government gap assistance (plot purchases) being removed by the state. She called on Senator Ron Winterton to determine if there are any other ways to make up for lost funds for plot purchases.

Finally, she turned to the UB Tech to seek out resource procurement, namely where the UB Tech acquires its lumber.

c. Legislative Update

- i. Senator Winterton spoke during the request on the previous action item.

d. UBEDD Elections:

- i. **Clyde Watkins, Chair**
- ii. **Willis LeFevre, 1st Vice Chair**
- iii. **Nominee - Commissioner Matt Tippetts, 2nd Chair**
 - 1. Motion:
 - a. 1st by Commissioner Miles
 - b. 2nd by Commissioner Norton

3. ADJOURN

Tawnya Gallup, Secretary _____ **Date** _____

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