

1 **Joint Cache County Council of Governments (COG) & Cache**
2 **Metropolitan Planning Organization (CMPO) Executive**
3 **Council Meeting**
4 **February 23, 2026**
5 **Minutes**

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7 The Cache County Council of Governments met in regular session on February 23, 2026 at
8 5:00 pm, in the first-floor Multipurpose Room, Cache County Administration Building at 179 N
9 Main St, Logan UT 84321.

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11 **ATTENDANCE**

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13 **Board Members Present:**

14 Ryan Thopson – Clarkson (COG)
15 Brady Bodily – Lewiston (COG)
16 Lyndsay Peterson – North Logan (COG & CMPO)
17 Aaron Rudy – Smithfield (COG & CMPO)
18 Steve Miller – Hyrum (COG & CMPO)
19 David Wood – Amalga (COG)
20 Chad Lindley –Wellsville (COG & CMPO)
21 George Daines – County Executive (COG & CMPO)
22 Ed Buist – Mendon (COG)
23 Craig Rigby – Newton (COG)
24 Erick Simmonds –Trenton (COG)
25 Jeanie Simmonds – Logan (CMPO)
26 Jeff Young –Richmond (COG)
27 Todd Beutler – Connect Transit (CMPO)

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30 **Board Members Online:**

31 Kathleen Alder – Providence (COG & CMPO)
32 Blake Wright – River Heights (COG & CMPO)

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34 **Others in Attendance:**

35 Jesse Mott – COG Staff
36 Jeff Gilbert – COG & CMPO Staff
37 Isaac Gardner -- COG & CMPO Staff
38 Clay Bodily –Smithfield City

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40 **05:00:00**

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42 **#1 Welcome and Introductions**

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44 **Mayor Buist** called the meeting to order and asked for introductions
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46 **Mayor Buist** turned the time over to Jesse Mott.

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48 Jesse Mott passed around a contact list and requested those present to edit or update
49 as needed.

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51 Jesse Mott provided a detailed overview of the origin, purpose and function of the COG,
52 along with the role and responsibility of individual board members on the COG (using a
53 PowerPoint presentation).

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55 Mayor Peterson (COG Executive Committee Member) reinforced Mayor Buist's opening
56 comments on the importance of regional collaboration and coordination with adjacent
57 communities. She expressed support for Mayor Buist's leadership and pointed to his
58 experience on the COG. She also encouraged new COG members to take advantage of
59 staff to help answer questions and provide information.

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61 County Executive Daines (COG Executive Committee member) described his
62 involvement in establishing the funding and initial organization of the COG in 2008 while
63 serving as the Cache County Attorney. He spoke about the need to approach service on
64 the COG from a regional perspective, emphasizing that all communities in Cache Valley
65 have an interest in a well-functioning transportation system. County Executive Daines
66 acknowledged that each COG member represents their own community's interests but
67 encouraged members to also consider the most efficient regional solutions.

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69 County Executive Daines complimented the COG on its historical effectiveness and
70 indicated that the County Council has confidence in the organization. He pointed to the
71 rural set-aside as an effective policy to balance the needs of the county's rural areas.
72 He reinforced the idea that valley residents care about transportation and managing
73 congestion.

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75 County Executive Daines discussed the financial standing of the COG and noted that
76 this year's allocation will be reduced from last year. He indicated his intent to request
77 that the County Council allocate additional county funds for this year's funding cycle for
78 the COG to distribute to worthy projects. However, he emphasized that it is critical for
79 the COG to maintain its regional, collaborative mindset for that additional funding
80 request to be successful.

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82 In closing, County Executive Daines emphasized that the COG collectively establishes
83 its rules and policies, and that staff's role is to support the implementation of those
84 policies and procedures.

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86 Mayor Young asked how the COG can evaluate a project's impact on regional
87 congestion relief versus a more localized benefit. County Executive Daines responded
88 that the COG will need to rely on staff for that technical analysis.

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90 Jeff Gilbert provided a detailed overview of the origin, purpose and function of the
91 CMPO, along with the role and responsibility of individual board members on the CMPO
92 (using a PowerPoint presentation).

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94 **6:49 PM**

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96 The joint COG and CMPO meeting adjourned

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