

# Utah Lake Authority

## Governing Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** March 26, 2026

**Time:** 9 AM

**Location:** Provo City Council Chambers & via Zoom

### 1. Welcome & Call to Order

Board Chair Cayolyn Lundberg calls the meeting to order at 9 AM

#### **In-Person Board Members Present**

- Lanae Millet, Orem - Substitute for Mayor Karen McCandless
- Mayor Zack Stratton, Vineyard
- Scott Daly, DWQ - Substitute for Candice Hasenyager
- Mayor Paul Binns, Lehi
- Mayor Caryolyn Lundberg, Lindon
- Commissioner Skyler Beltran. Utah County
- Hilary Hungerford, UVU
- Audrey Barton, Saratoga Springs
- Mayor Marsha Judkins, Provo
- Curtis Blair, Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce

#### **Online Board Members Present**

- Sen. Brady Brammer, Utah State Senate
- Mayor Neil Brown, Genola

#### **Absent Board Members**

- Ben Stireman, FFSL
- Kamron Dalton, Go Utah

## 2. Guest Presentations

- Megan Zollinger from the Utah Recreation Parks Association presents awards to Kelly Cannon-O'Day for the Great Carp Hunt and the Steven Georgia Carpenter Professional Development Scholarship.
  - Kelly discusses the International Festival and Events Association's two-year event management academy and her plans to apply for the scholarship.
  - A group photo is taken with Megan, Kelly, and the awards.
- Assistant Attorney General Carter Moore provides annual training on the Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA).
  - The training covers the statutory requirements, practical compliance, and the importance of public notice and meeting minutes.
  - Moore emphasizes the need for electronic meetings to be recorded and minutes to be posted within three days.
  - The training includes updates on the ethics act and the importance of avoiding conflicts of interest and accepting gifts.
- Scott Daly from Division of Water Quality presents an update on the Utah Lake Water Quality Study.
  - The study aims to develop numeric nutrient criteria and identify opportunities for improving water quality.
  - Daley explains the historical conditions of Utah Lake and the impact of nutrient enrichment on water quality.
  - The study includes assessments of aquatic life, recreation, and agriculture uses, and the development of water quality models.

## 3. Consent Items

Motion: Approve the January 2026 ULA Board Meeting Minutes and the Q2 FY2026 Financial Report

Motion made by: Paul Binns

Seconded by Lanae Millett

Vote: Approved Unanimously

## 4. Staff Reports

### **Executive Director Report - Luke Peterson**

- Introduces himself and gives personal background
- Discusses recent federal relations and legislative update
  - The Utah Lake authority received \$7.7 million in federal funding for various projects, including access improvements, the nature center, and invasive species management.

- Peterson highlights the importance of federal advocacy and the success of securing funding.
- The legislative session saw several challenges, but the authority successfully defended its interests with the help of legislators.
- The authority is also developing a video contest to encourage public participation in promoting Utah Lake.

#### **Deputy Director Report - Sam Braegger**

- Introduces himself and gives personal background
- Provides staff and committee reports, highlighting the contributions of various staff members.
- Provides update on operations and recreation efforts
  - The authority is working on master plans for 11 lake access points and improving infrastructure at the Utah Lake State Park.
  - A trail feasibility study and lakewide signage project are in progress.
  - The authority is collaborating with Saratoga Springs City to open a new public marina.

#### **Events & Communications - Kelly Cannon-O'Day**

- Introduces herself and gives personal background
- Discusses upcoming events including the Great Carp Hunt and the Utah Lake Festival
  - The Great Carp Hunt has been rebranded and will feature a bounty system for catching carp.
  - The Utah Lake Festival will expand parking accessibility and include new activities like mini golf and a service project.
  - The authority is also planning events for Free Fishing Day and the Sailboat Regatta.
- Discusses media campaign focus on harmful algae blooms.

#### **Events & Programing - Heather McEwen**

- Introduces herself and gives personal background
- Discusses volunteer efforts provided by ULA
  - Adopt-a-Shoreline has about 45-50 volunteers who clean the shorelines of Utah Lake.
  - Lifejacket Loaner Station program has all of its volunteer slots filled.
- Discusses upcoming events
  - Paddle with Care is in its fifth year and is a water safety event. It includes a paddle from Vineyard to American Fork.
  - Fourth-grade field trips are starting at the end of April.
- Discusses new intern
  - She will be starting on the first day of field trip days.

#### **Development & Funding - Shelby Kozak**

- Introduces herself and gives personal background
- Provides an update on development and funding efforts.
  - The authority has secured over \$1.1 million in grant funding in the fiscal year 2026.
  - The success rate for grant applications is 35%, which is significantly higher than the national average.
  - The authority is actively seeking new donors and expanding its sponsorship program.

**Restoration & Conservation - Addy Valdez & Alex Stosich**

- Addy Valdez introduces herself as the Conservation Education Programs Manager and mentions this is her last meeting.
  - She explains her move to Montana due to her husband's dental school graduation.
  - Addy shares her background, including her love for the outdoors and her experience working with pollinator plants.
  - Addy highlights the progress made on the American Rescue Plan Act project and the reallocation of funds.
  - Addy announces the purchase of an airboat and a slick sled for lake treatment and equipment transportation.
  - She reflects on the growth of the planting program, starting with 500 pollinator plants and now ordering 175,000 plants.
  - She expresses gratitude for her time at the organization and the opportunities provided.
- Alex introduces himself as a botanist and mentions his previous work with USGS on plant conservation.
  - He provides updates on the year's plant orders and the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act funding.
  - Alex discusses the hiring of an Education Coordinator and the internship program with Savannah from BYU.

## 5. Public Hearing

Public Hearing is to review the FY2026 Budget Amendment and the FY2027 Tentative Budget

Motion to open public hearing: Curtis Blair

Seconded: Audrey Barton

Motion passes unanimously

- Sam Braegger presents the March amendment, highlighting changes in revenues and expenses.
- He discusses the acquisition of E-bikes and the increase in shoreline restoration expenses.

- Sam explains the reallocation of \$300,000 to Lindon City for a critical habitat improvement project.
- Sam Braegger answers questions about the budget, including the allocation of ARPA funds and the long-range capital plan.
- He provides an overview of the tentative FY 2027 budget, noting significant increases due to federal funding.
- No public comment occurs

Motion to close the public hearing: Zack Stratton

Seconded: Audrey Barton

Motion passes unanimously

## 6. Action Items

1. Motion: Approve the FY2026 Budget Amendment
  - Motion made by Skyler Beltran
  - Seconded by Lanae Millett
  - Motion passes unanimously
2. Motion: Approve the FY2027 Tentative Budget
  - Motion made by Skyler Beltran
  - Seconded by Paul Binns
  - Motion passes unanimously
3. Motion: Approve the Long-Range Capital Plan
  - Motion made by Zack Stratton
  - Seconded by Audrey Barton
  - Motion passes unanimously
4. Motion: Approve FY2025 Agreed Upon Procedures Report
  - Motion made by Skyler Beltran
  - Seconded by Marsha Judkins
  - Motion passes unanimously
5. Motion: Approve the Utah Lake Recreation Access Plan
  - Motion made by Curtis Blair
  - Seconded by Paul Binns
  - Motion passes unanimously

## 7. Adjournment

Motion: To adjourn the meeting

Motion made by Paul Binns

Seconded by Lanae Millett

Motion passes unanimously

