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Utah Transit Authority

Board of Trustees

MEETING MINUTES - Final

669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Wednesday, May 13, 2026 **9:00 AM** **FrontLines Headquarters**

Present: Chair Carlton Christensen
Trustee Jeff Acerson
Trustee Beth Holbrook

Also attending were UTA staff and interested community members.

1. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Chair Carlton Christensen welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Safety First Minute

Ann Green-Barton, UTA Chief People Officer, delivered a brief safety message.

4. Public Comment

(To view public comment in its entirety, see the meeting video located at https://rideuta.granicus.com/player/clip/455?meta_id=76409.)

In Person/Virtual Comment
In person comment was given by Michael Kroll.

Kroll shared alternative transit suggestions to address upcoming maintenance disruptions and expressed concern about the agency's collective bargaining negotiations.

Online Comment
No online comment was received.

5. Consent

a. Approval of the April 22, 2026, Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

b. Quarterly Disbursement Report - Vehicle Parts Inventory Vendors - Q1 2026

c. Quarterly Disbursement Report - Non-Inventory Vendors - Q1 2026

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A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Reports

a. Executive Director Report

- **Continuous Improvement Excellence Award - Timpanogos & Central Maintenance**
- **UTA Award - Best Public Awareness Strategy for “Trains Don’t Swerve” Series**

Continuous Improvement Excellence Award - Timpanogos & Central Maintenance
Jay Fox, UTA Executive Director, was joined by Alisha Garrett, UTA Chief Enterprise Strategy Officer, and Susan Scadden, UTA Acting Manager of Organizational Excellence.

Garrett and Scadden recognized the Timpanogos and Central bus maintenance teams for implementing ideas that improve work processes.

UTA Award - Best Public Awareness Strategy for “Trains Don’t Swerve” Series
Jay Fox was joined by Gavin Gustafson, UTA Senior Public Information Officer.

Gustafson reported UTA’s social media team won the Best Public Awareness Strategy Award at the 2026 Government Social Media Conference for the “Trains Don’t Swerve” video series.

b. Strategic Plan Minute: Customer Experience - S-Line Extension Phase 2

Jay Fox was joined by David Osborn, UTA Acting Director of Capital Design & Construction, and Ethan Ray, UTA Project Manager II.

Fox highlighted the S-Line Streetcar extension project, which recently moved into the construction phase. The project extends the S-Line terminus to the east side of Highland Drive in Salt Lake City.

Discussion ensued. Questions on development plans near the newly constructed segment, efforts to minimize construction impacts, and construction schedule were posed by the board and answered by staff.

c. Financial Report - March 2026

Viola Miller, UTA Chief Financial Officer, was joined by Brian Reeves, UTA Associate Chief Financial Officer, and Brad Armstrong, UTA Director of Budget & Financial Strategy. Miller joined the meeting electronically.

Staff reviewed the following:

- Financial dashboard
- Sales tax revenue

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- Sales tax collections by county
- Passenger revenues
- Full-time equivalent (FTE) staffing
- Operating financial results
- Capital spending by chief office
- Actual versus forecast spend year-to-date on capital expenses
- Capital funding sources
- Accounts payable, procurement, and fares metrics

Discussion ensued. Questions on fuel cost management, utilities costs, and inflation impacts on procurement planning were posed by the board and answered by staff.

d. Investment Report - First Quarter 2026

Viola Miller was joined by Brian Reeves.

Reeves summarized the general economic outlook and then reviewed U.S. Treasury yield trends and UTA investment yields. Overall, portfolio returns for the first quarter of 2026 averaged 3.72% annualized.

Discussion ensued. A question on the investment strategy with Chandler Asset Management was posed by the board and answered by Reeves.

e. UDOT Property Acquisition Report - Q1 2026

Paul Drake, UTA Director of Real Estate & Transit-Oriented Development, was joined Spencer Burgoyne, UTA Manager of Property Administration.

Staff reported on property rights acquired for UTA by the Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) during the first quarter of 2026 for the FrontRunner 2X (FR2X) and FrontRunner Point improvement projects. In sum, 10 fee simple parcels were acquired at a total cost of $762,879.

Discussion ensued. A question on potential land acquisitions in Box Elder County was posed by the board and answered by staff.

7. Resolutions

a. R2026-05-01 - Resolution Accepting the Conveyance of UDOT Parcel 123:Z for the Sharp/Tintic Connection Project

Jon Larsen, UTA Chief Capital Services Officer, was joined by Paul Drake and Spencer Burgoyne.

Staff provided an overview of the Sharp/Tintic connection project, which is a joint project with UDOT that connects the Union Pacific Railroad’s Sharp and Tintic lines in Springville and Spanish Fork. The project permanently closes seven at-grade railroad

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crossings along the existing Tintic line and allows for an eventual FrontRunner extension to Payson.

UDOT is currently working to acquire 5.67 acres of real property owned by Ray's Valley Development, LLC, located approximately at 2050 North and I-15 in Spanish Fork (UDOT Parcel 123:Z) and recommends the right of way be purchased directly in UTA's name. The property value is $3,582,095.

Resolution R2026-05-01 accepts conveyance of the parcel.

Discussion ensued. A question on legislation related to the acquisition was posed by the board and answered by staff.

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this resolution be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Chair Christensen, Trustee Acerson, and Trustee Holbrook

8. Budget and Other Approvals

a. International Travel to Valencia, Spain and Basel, Switzerland for Light Rail Vehicle Manufacturing Inspections

Jon Larsen was joined by Kyle Stockley, UTA General Manager of Maintenance.

Staff requested the board authorize international travel for four employees to Valencia, Spain and Basel, Switzerland to perform inspections on light rail vehicle (LRV) car body and truck frames and garner technical information on carborne safety systems. The LRVs were procured through Stadler Rail, a Swiss manufacturer with a facility in Utah.

Discussion ensued. Questions on the number of staff participants and the staff selection process were posed by the board and answered by staff.

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, that this international travel be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

9. Contracts, Disbursements and Grants

a. Change Order: On-Call Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Task Order #26-009: Yellowstone Interlocking Construction (Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.)

David Osborn requested the board approve a $538,549 change order to the on-call contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for the complete removal and replacement of the Yellowstone interlocking on the TRAX alignment.

Discussion ensued. Questions on the project timeline and public communications plan were posed by the board and answered by Osborn.

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A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this change order be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

b. Change Order: On-Call Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Task Order #26-010: Union Interlocking Construction (Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.)

David Osborn requested the board approve a $507,175 change order to the on-call contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to complete the removal and replacement of frogs, diamond, and running/restraining rail at the Union interlocking on the TRAX alignment.

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, that this change order be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

c. Change Order: On-Call Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Task Order #26-011: 2100 South Grade Crossing Replacement (Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.)

David Osborn requested the board approve a $410,462 change order to the on-call contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. to replace the 2100 South grade crossing on the TRAX alignment.

Discussion ensued during which Chair Christensen recommended staff address any needed water line upgrades at the same time as the planned maintenance.

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this change order be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

d. Change Order: On-Call Infrastructure Maintenance Contract Task Order #26-012: 2026 FrontRunner and TRAX Tamping (Stacy and Witbeck, Inc.)

David Osborn requested the board approve a not-to-exceed $500,000 change order to the on-call contract with Stacy and Witbeck, Inc. for tamping and regulating the TRAX and FrontRunner lines in 2026.

Discussion ensued. A question on the need to utilize Stacy and Witbeck from tamping services was posed by the board and answered by Osborn.

The current total on-call contract value, including all change orders discussed in this meeting, is $32,855,009.64.

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, that this change order be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

10. Service and Fare Approvals

a. Fare Agreement: Special Events Agreement for Western Stampede Rodeo (City of West Jordan)

Brian Reeves was joined by Jordan Eves, UTA Manager of Fare Strategy.

Staff requested the board approve a special events revenue agreement with the City of

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West Jordan for ticket-as-fare to the Western Stampede Rodeo. The total contract value is $3,938.

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, that this special events agreement be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

11. Other Business

a. Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

12. Closed Session

a. Strategy Session to Discuss Topics as Defined in Utah Code 52-4-205 (1):

- **Pending or Reasonably Imminent Litigation**

Chair Christensen indicated there were matters to be discussed in closed session related to pending or reasonably imminent litigation. A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, for a closed session. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Chair Christensen called for a brief recess.

The meeting convened in closed session at 10:31 a.m.

13. Open Session

A motion was made by Trustee Acerson, and seconded by Trustee Holbrook, to return to open session. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting reconvened in open session at 10:49 a.m.

14. Adjourn

A motion was made by Trustee Holbrook, and seconded by Trustee Acerson, to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 10:49 a.m.

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Approved Date: May 27, 2026

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Carlton J. Christensen
Chair, Board of Trustees