



Utah Transit Authority

Local Advisory Council

MEETING MINUTES - Draft

669 West 200 South
Salt Lake City, UT 84101

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

11:00 AM

Warm Springs Service Center

Present: Chair Bob Stevenson
Vice Chair Natalie Hall
Alternate Council Member Dan Dugan
Alternate Council Member Lynn Jacobs
Council Member Melodi Gochis
Council Member Russ Porter
Council Member Paul Binns

Excused: Erin Mendenhall
Brad Frost
Troy Walker
Dirk Burton
Ben Nadolski

Also attending were UTA staff and interested community members including UTA Board of Trustees Chair, Carlton Christensen, UTA Board Trustee, Jeff Acerson and former Local Advisory Council Member, Karen Cronin.

1. Call to Order & Opening Remarks

Vice-Chair Natalie Hall welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Safety First Minute

Jon Larsen, UTA Chief Capital Services Officer, delivered a brief safety message.

4. Public Comment

In Person/Virtual Comment

No in person or virtual comment was given.

Online Comment

No online comment was received.

5. Consent

- a. **Approval of the February 18, 2026 Local Advisory Council Meeting Minutes**
- b. **Audit Committee Report**

A motion was made by Council Member Gochis, and seconded by Council Member Binns, to approve the consent agenda. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Discussion**a. Open Dialogue with the Board of Trustees**

Carlton Christensen, Chair of the UTA Board of Trustees, thanked the Local Advisory Council (LAC) Members for their strong partnership and collaborative approach to transit issues over the past seven and a half years, describing it as one of the best groups they have worked with. He emphasized the value of having engaged local officials who are committed to finding common solutions and discussing how transit impacts the community.

Jay Fox, UTA Executive Director, joined the meeting via Zoom and expressed appreciation for the LAC's advocacy and support for transit, highlighting the group's focus on improving UTA and working together with local leaders. Although the LAC is sunsetting, the spirit of advocacy should continue as UTA plans for future growth, including FrontRunner expansion. Gratitude was also shared on behalf of UTA employees, along with an invitation to attend the upcoming national bus competition on May 17.

Andrew Gruber, Executive Director, Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), joined the meeting via Zoom and recognized the additional commitment council members make while serving in their local leadership roles and encouraged continued partnership and advocacy for transit moving forward.

Lynn Jacobs joined the meeting at 11:13 a.m.

b. FrontRunner 2X Program

Jon Larsen was joined by Brian Allen, UDOT, and Braden Anderson, UDOT. UTA and UDOT are expanding commuter rail service along the Wasatch Front to increase capacity and meet Utah's growing transit demands.

The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) has oversight over fixed guideway capital development projects, such as FrontRunner 2X, and UDOT and UTA work in coordination to implement these project plans.

The UTA Capital Services Office, along with the UDOT project manager, presented information regarding the progress of the FrontRunner 2X project and what it means for the future of transit in communities in the transit district. This project will

implement double tracking in 11 strategic locations, add one new station, realign track in one location, and add 10 new train sets along the FrontRunner line. These upgrades will enhance reliability, cut wait times in half, and by 2050, travel times for FrontRunner are expected to outperform I-15 travel times.

7. Adjourn

A motion was made by Alternate Council Member Jacobs, and seconded by Council Member Binns, to adjourn the meeting. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote and the meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Following adjournment, the Local Advisory Council, separated into small groups to participate in a walking tour of the Warm Springs facility. Council Member, Dirk Burton joined a group for the walking tour.


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This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes of this meeting.

May 6, 2026 was the final meeting of the UTA Local Advisory Council due to the body being dissolved per Senate Bill 197 in the 2026 Utah Legislative session. These minutes were distributed to the LAC members via email with a request for feedback prior to being signed by the LAC Chair.

Approved Date: 6/3/2026

Signed by:

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Bob Stevenson
Chair, Local Advisory Council