

MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY
SALT LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

****Meeting minutes approved on June 10, 2026****

Approximate meeting length: 1 hour 22 minutes.

Number of public in attendance: 1

Summary Prepared by: Wendy Gurr

Meeting Conducted by: Commissioner Watkins

***NOTE:** Staff Reports referenced in this document can be found on the State website, or from Planning & Development Services.

Commissioners	Public Mtg	Business Mtg	Absent
Neil Cohen	x	x	
Ronald Vance	x	x	
Christopher Collard			x
Sara Hiatt	x	x	
Jeff Watkins (Chair)	x	x	
Michael Cole (Vice Chair)	x	x	
Jen Knudsen			x
Andres Paredes	x	x	

ATTENDANCE

Planning Staff / DA	Public Mtg	Business Mtg
Wendy Gurr	x	x
Brian Tucker		
Curtis Woodward	x	
Jim Nakamura		
Ryan Anderson	x	x
Holly Pearson	x	x
Casey McClellan	x	x
Zach Shaw (DA)	x	x

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Meeting began at – 8:31 a.m.

Commissioner Watkins read the Chairs Opening Statement.

OAM2026-001589 - An ordinance amending section 19.72.110, entitled “Tree and Vegetation Protection” and enacting section 19.72.115, entitled “Forest Management Plan, Fuels Reduction Plan” of the Salt Lake Code Of Ordinances, 2001, to provide greater clarity on the standards and processes for approving and implementing these plans; and making other related changes. (Motion/Voting)

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District Senior Planner Curtis Woodward provided an analysis of the ordinance amendments.

Commissioners and staff had a brief discussion regarding Stream Management Zones 9.c. should be referenced as 9.a.i. Subsection 9.d. should have the same reference. Provision regarding the size of parcel in the application process, should say 5 acres or less in 5.d.

Commissioner Cohen motioned to open the public hearing, Commissioner Cole seconded that motion.

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

Speaker # 1: Citizen

Name: Ian Reddell

Address: Not provided

Comments: Mr. Reddell said he is for the proposal, and it makes sense to make the amendment.

Commissioner Hiatt motioned to close the public hearing, Commissioner Cole seconded that motion.

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion: To recommend approve of file #OAM2026-001589 An ordinance amending section 19.72.110, entitled “Tree and Vegetation Protection” and enacting section 19.72.115, entitled “Forest Management Plan, Fuels Reduction Plan” of the Salt Lake Code Of Ordinances, 2001, to provide greater clarity on the standards and processes for approving and implementing these plans; and making other related changes with staff recommendations to the Salt Lake County Council with the technical corrections discussed.

Motion by: Commissioner Cohen

2nd by: Commissioner Hiatt

Vote: Commissioners voted unanimously in favor (of commissioners present)

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting began at – 8:53 a.m.

- 1) Election of Chair and Vice Chair 2026. (Motion/Voting)

Election of Chair for 2026

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Watkins as Chair for 2026, Commissioner Watkins accepted that nomination.

Motion by: Commissioner Hiatt

2nd by: Commissioner Paredes

Vote: Commissioners voted unanimously in favor (of commissioners present)

Election of Vice Chair for 2025

Motion: To nominate Commissioner Cole as Vice Chair for 2026, Commissioner Cole accepted that nomination.

Motion by: Commissioner Hiatt

2nd by: Commissioner Paredes

Vote: Commissioners voted unanimously in favor (of commissioners present)

- 2) Approval of December 10, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (Motion/Voting)

Motion: To approve December 10, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Commissioner Paredes

2nd by: Commissioner Vance

Vote: Commissioners voted unanimously in favor (of commissioners present)

- 3) Open and Public Meetings Act and Planning Commission Responsibilities Training. **Counsel:** Zach Shaw

Mr. Shaw provided one-hour annual OPMA and Planning Commission Responsibilities training. Commissioner Cole asked regarding his HOA coming before the commission and if there is anything

to concern himself with ex parte communication. Available training in April or May and September 30th at the Veridian Center.

4) Other Business Items. (As Needed)

No other business items to discuss.

Commissioner Watkins adjourned the meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 9:53 a.m.