

ELECTRIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE STEERING COMMITTEE MINUTES

Monday, June 8, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Calvin Rampton Complex, 4501 South 2700 West, Taylorsville, Utah 84129
Lester Wire Conference Room

PRESENT

Carlos Braceras, Steering Committee Chair, UDOT Commissioner
*Bryce Bird, Steering Committee Member, UDEQ DAQ Director
Gary Straker, Steering Committee Member, IAB Chair, Power Innovations
Hal Johnson, Steering Committee Alternate, UTA Innovative Mobility Director
*Jay Fox, Steering Committee Member, UTA Executive Director
Jeff Howcroft, Steering Committee Member, Rocky Mountain Power
*Lance Soffe, Steering Committee Member, GOEO Economic Growth Sr. VP
*Antony Congram
David Eckels, ASPIRE
*David Trinko, ASPIRE Lead Research Scientist
Lyle McMillan, UDOT Strategic Technologies Director
James Campbell, ASPIRE Electrified Transportation Planning Director
Jordan Lee, UDOT Communications
*Julie Bjornstad, WFRC Long-Range Planning Deputy Director
*Kat Webb, ASPIRE Content Director
*Kelbe Goupil, Utah Clean Energy
*Kyle Goodrick, ASPIRE Senior Power Systems Research Engineer
*Pete Marshall
Regan Zane, Steering Committee Non-Voting Member, ASPIRE Center Co-Director
*Sara Shaffer, ASPIRE IAB Coordinator
Sara Ann O'Leary, UDOT Technology and Innovation Transportation Project Manager
Spencer Hall, IAB Vice Chair, Torus Head of Government Affairs
Regan Zane, ASPIRE
Zac Humes, USU
Diane Josie, UDOT Executive Assistant

*Indicates virtual participation.

The meeting began at 2:00 p.m.

1. WELCOME AND APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES - *Carlos Braceras*

Carlos Braceras welcomed everyone. Self-introductions were conducted. A quorum was present.

Jay Fox moved to approve the minutes. Gary Straker seconded the motion. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. ANNUAL REPORT – *James Campbell*

- Emailed draft end of May
- Overview
- Discussion
- Opportunities

James said they've been working diligently on the annual report. The team was focused on model development for the first couple of years. Now they're pivoting toward implementation. They focused heavily on case studies the past year.

David Eckels provided information from the annual report. He said he believes everyone has access to the reports and summaries. They are looking for any feedback.

Part of the concept was to create a book of best practice. There are 10 case studies/white papers. The papers are digging into the details. The reports dig into the details. He talked about heavy duty trucking, utility, energy storage, transit, fleets, air quality, etc. The group asked various questions and discussed various topics including benefits, challenges, costs, implementation, etc.

Carlos mentioned the need for connection between the different research studies. Zane said the studies will be used to build details around the broader plan. David said if anyone has any future requests for case studies, please let them know as soon as possible.

James said the annual report will not be finalized until the end of July. They would like feedback from the Committee before then.

Carlos would like to take the work and articulate it as the benefit of an investment to the State of Utah.

3. BUDGET DISCUSSION – *James Campbell*

- Emailed FY26 estimates FY27 proposed

James recapped the budget for the current year that ends this month - FY26. He said the first two years were laying the groundwork for setting up the model. Now we're moving to the data phase. The fixed amount will be used differently than in previous years. There was some carryover from the previous year.

They spent more this year than the amount allotted but they had a carryover from earlier years. The carryover was \$1.1M. They estimate the buffer will be eliminated by the end of next year.

Carlos asked if \$100,000 is optimal for carryover for the next year. James said yes. It will be used for one-time, not on-going activities/costs. The activities they want to take on are helping DEQ find users of the \$250M incentive they have available, support AAM, and other core activities including transit and heavy duty.

Gary asked what part of the budget supports the 10 case studies. James said it's integrated and there's not just one line item. Regan Zane explained the system they use to account for the time spent. The case studies are becoming a material part of staff efforts.

4. BUDGET VOTE – *Carlos Braceras*

- Action Item – Motion

Gary Straker motioned to approve the budget. Jeff Howcroft seconded. All voted in favor and the budget passed unanimously.

5. LEGISLATIVE DISCUSSION – *Carlos Braceras*

- Presentation to the Interim Committee on October 20

Carlos referenced federal bill HB250. We have a 1 to 2.5% growth in the core programs. It had an increase in the registration fee that Chairman Graves was pushing through.

Carlos wanted to go through the timing because any budget request will go through the Committee. We are already starting to work on the 2028 budget. We will be turning in our budget at the end of August/middle of September. We will find out our budget in the second week of December.

If we want to do anything in this area, we need to get the information to the Committee in the next couple of months. If we want any statutory changes, it's not the same time period. We would need to work with the interim committee for those.

Regan asked if we think this summer is the time to go to DC. Carlos asked if it's better to meet when they're in Utah during August. Regan talked about the opportunities this year is a visit to the lab and the Utah Inland Port. Regan and James said the vision was to have the state legislators at the Council of State Governments (CSG) West in July and then federal delegates in the fall. James said EPA is coming to Utah at the end of August for a tour of the location. Carlos said they should decide where they want the media.

6. STEERING COMMITTEE PRIORITIES – *Carlos Braceras*

- Input on ASPIRE focus areas

Carlos asked if there are any areas the Committee should be focusing on.

Hal Johnson talked about a quick trip to Jacksonville to meet with teams there. Regan asked the committee if they think this is a good idea. They talked about including some of the Committee members and Senator Harper or Rep. Christofferson on the trip. Guests that are invited on the trips would pay for their own way.

Hal suggested promoting some of the successes in Utah. Regan said to highlight the initiatives, not just electric vehicles.

Regan said ASPIRE is moving from a theoretical to an execution stage regarding workforce development. Hal said UTA is actively building a training center for employees to train in all aspects of transit.

7. ASPIRE PROGRAM UPDATES – *Regan Zane*

- Events: 7/9 CSG West, September Event, etc.
- Foundation

Regan said the CSG West Annual meeting is in Salt Lake City on July 9, 2026.

Regan talked about a fall public event. Carlos told him that UDOT can help with scheduling the Governor. Regan asked if they should separate out the federal delegation from the state legislators for the events. Carlos thinks that will be best. Combine the Governor's visit with the legislature for some time in August and September.

Regan mentioned visits to congressional delegates. Carlos said now is the time to talk with Senator Curtis.

8. OTHER ITEMS/ADJOURN - *Carlos Braceras*

- Next meeting(s)

Carlos said the next meeting will be scheduled for three months or so. Toward the end of the quarter.