

Utah Lake Authority

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2026

Time: 9 AM

Location: Provo City Council Chambers & via Zoom

1. Welcome & Call to Order

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

In-Person Board Members Present

- Ben Stireman, FFSL
- Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon
- Mayor Marsha Judkins, Provo
- Kamron Dalton, Go Utah
- Hilary Hungerford, UVU
- Mayor Karen McCandless, Orem
- Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County
- Candice Hasenyager, DEQ - Online until 9:12 AM, then in-person
- Sen. Brady Brammer, Utah State Senate - Online until 9:45 AM, then in-person

Online Board Members Present

- Audrey Barton, Saratoga Springs
- Mayor Neil Brown, Genola

Absent Board Members

- Curtis Blair, Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Mayor Paul Binns, Lehi
- Rep. Stephanie Gricius, Utah House of Representatives
- Mayor Zack Stratton, Vineyard

2. Chair & Board Members' Reports/Disclosures/Recusals

- a. None to report

3. Public Comment

- a. No public comment was made.

4. Consent Items

Motion to approve the March 2026 ULA Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by Skyler Beltran

Seconded by Kamron Dalton

Approved Unanimously

Motion to approve the Q3 FY2026 Financial Report

Motion made by Kamron Dalton

Seconded by Karen McCandless

Approved Unanimously.

5. Staff & Committee Reports

Executive Director Report - Luke Peterson

- ULA will be hiring a federal projects manager to help with the \$7.7 million in federal appropriations.
- ULA received a \$1 million grant from the Great Salt Lake Commission for water development.

Deputy Director Report - Sam Braegger

- Updates on recreation projects, including the lake-wide signage plan, public engagement for master plans, and infrastructure improvements at the Utah Lake State Park.

Communications & Events Report - Kelly Cannon-O'Day

- The Utah Lake Festival is happening in two days. It is predicted to rain.
- The Great Carp Hunt has had positive feedback from participants.

Programming & Events Report - Heather McEwen

- Updates on events and programs, including the Paddle with Care event, fourth-grade field trips, and the new intern Dayna.

Conservation Report - Savannah Manwing

- Updates on conservation efforts, including vegetation management and upcoming revegetation projects.

6. Public Hearing

Open public hearing to review the FY2026 Budget Amendment & the FY2027 Proposed Budget

Motioned by Marsha Judkins

Seconded by Candice Hasenyager

Passed Unanimously

Sam Braegger explains the minor tweaks to the current fiscal year budget, including increased revenue from the carp hunt and the phasing out of the small grants program.

Luke Peterson outlines the proposed budget for fiscal year 2027, emphasizing the need for increased funding due to congressionally directed spending and the hiring of a donor sponsorship membership coordinator.

Public meeting closed

Motion made by Karen McCandless

Seconded by Candice Hasenyager

Passed Unanimously

7. Action Items

Approve FY2026 May Budget Amendment, FY2027 Proposed Budget and Policy Updates.

Motioned made by Marsha Judkins

Seconded by Karen McCandless

Passed Unanimously

8. Guest Presentations

Laura Brennan from the Division of Water Resources introduces the Great Salt Lake Basin Integrated Plan, explaining its purpose and the multi-year project phases.

The presentation includes a discussion on the importance of a basin-wide approach to water management and the need for a balanced approach to water conservation.

Participants are invited to provide feedback on water management priorities and actions through an interactive workshop facilitated by Envision Utah.

9. Workshop

The workshop aims to gather input on the most important outcomes and actions for water management in the Great Salt Lake Basin, with a focus on ecosystem health, human health, and economic development. Jason Brown from Envision Utah walks the board through the workshop.

10. Adjournment

Motion made by Skyler Beltran

Seconded by Brady Brammer

Passed Unanimously