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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION (“CWC”) BOARD MEETING HELD MONDAY, JUNE 22, 2026, AT 3:30 P.M. THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED BOTH IN-PERSON AND VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM. THE ANCHOR LOCATION WAS OUR LADY OF THE SNOWS CENTER, 10185 EAST HIGHWAY 210, ALTA, UTAH.

Board Members: Mayor Erin Mendenhall, Chair
Mayor Roger Bourke, Co-Chair
Christopher Robinson
Emily Gray
Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion
Mayor Scotty John
Mayor Monica Zoltanski
Bill Ciraco
Bev Uipi
Caroline Rodriguez (Ex-Officio)
Jay Fox (Ex-Officio)
Annalee Munsey (Ex-Officio)

Special Advisors: Jack Stauss
Amber Broadway

Staff: Lindsey Nielsen, Executive Director
Sam Kilpack, Director of Operations
Will McKay, Director of Communications
Shane Topham, CWC Legal Counsel

Other: Maura Hahnenberger
Kurt Hegmann
Laura Briefer
Ryan Mecham
Carlton Christensen
Mike Marker
John Knoblock
Olivia Juarez
Julie Faure

1 **OPENING**

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3 **1. Chair Erin Mendenhall will Call the Meeting to Order and Welcome CWC Board**
4 **Members and the Public.**

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6 Chair Erin Mendenhall called the Central Wasatch Commission (“CWC”) Board Meeting to order
7 at approximately 3:30 p.m. It was noted that there are both online and in-person attendees.
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9 **2. Staff will Take Roll Call Attendance.**

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11 A roll call was conducted to determine those present at the CWC Board Meeting.
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13 **3. (Action) The Board will Consider Approving the Minutes of the May 4, 2026, CWC**
14 **Board Meeting.**

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16 **MOTION:** Emily Gray moved to APPROVE the Minutes of the May 4, 2026, CWC Board
17 Meeting. Gay Lynn Bennion seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
18 consent of the Board.
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20 **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

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22 *Mike Marker* reported that he serves as President of Friends of Little Cottonwood Canyon, which
23 is an organization that advocates for fiscally responsible and common-sense transportation
24 solutions. He was also an original member of the Stakeholders Council. Mr. Marker reported that
25 Sandy City surveyed residents in January 2022. 64% preferred enhanced bus service, with only
26 23% supporting the Utah Department of Transportation (“UDOT”) gondola alternative. Later in
27 2022, UDOT received over 13,000 comments about the final document, which proposed Gondola
28 Alternative B. More than 89% opposed the project. In the House District 42 campaign, he and
29 candidate Clint Okerlund knocked on thousands of doors and found that roughly 80% of voters
30 opposed the gondola.
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32 Several years ago, the CWC Board failed to pass a Resolution that clearly opposed the gondola.
33 That kind of Resolution would have been consistent with the Mountain Accord charter, which
34 states, “Subject to NEPA analysis, the signers of this Accord agree that trams, ski lifts, or other
35 aerial modes are not recommended.” Mr. Marker explained that the CWC Board Resolution did
36 not fail because it lacked support, but because a single member of the CWC Board would not
37 agree. He appreciates the commitment of the CWC to consensus-based decision making, but
38 effective consensus seeks broad agreement while still allowing the group to act. Mr. Marker asked
39 the CWC Board to revisit a Resolution opposing the gondola. The position of the public has been
40 consistent on this matter.
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42 Sandy City recently withdrew financial support from the CWC, citing concerns about its
43 accomplishments. Adopting a Resolution that is consistent with both the Mountain Accord and
44 the views of the overwhelming majority of citizens would be meaningful. Taking this action would
45 demonstrate that the CWC can listen, lead, and speak clearly about an issue that has frustrated
46 citizens.

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2 *John Knoblock* reported that the Recreation System Committee has discussed the fact that in Big
3 Cottonwood Canyon, there are three areas where pedestrians in the shoulder lane are forced into
4 the lane of traffic on blind corners. He wrote a letter to the UDOT Region Two Director, Robert
5 Stewart, detailing some of those areas and concerns. The response from Mr. Stewart indicated that
6 it was too difficult a situation to handle. Mr. Knoblock asked if there was anything the CWC
7 Board could do to address this matter. He next shared comments about the Ski Bus Priority Access
8 Program. It would be meaningful to look at what has been done in Park City, where there is bus
9 bypass service throughout the day on the shoulder. Something like this could encourage more bus
10 use in the canyon.

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12 *Olivia Juarez* explained that she is a member of the Stakeholders Council and she is the Public
13 Land Program Director for GreenLatinos. She expressed appreciation for the efforts made to move
14 an enhanced bus system in Big Cottonwood Canyon and Little Cottonwood Canyon forward. It is
15 important to have canyon connection services, especially coming from West Valley City, where
16 there are significant nature deprivation markers as well as higher rates of poverty and exposure to
17 heat and air pollutants. Ms. Juarez encouraged the CWC Board to consider canyon access
18 enhancement efforts, particularly in Millcreek Canyon, with a Millcreek Canyon shuttle and a
19 library day pass loan system so people are able to overcome cost barriers that might prevent them
20 from enjoying fee-based canyons.

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22 Chair Mendenhall thanked those who shared public comments. She also took a moment to
23 welcome a new Ex-Officio Member to the CWC Board. Jay Fox will now serve on the CWC
24 Board. Chair Mendenhall requested that the Closed Session take place ahead of the Public Hearing
25 on the budget.

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27 **PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

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29 **1. Commissioner Christopher Robinson, Treasurer/Secretary of the Board, will Present**
30 **the CWC's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget, including a Discussion of the Status of Grant**
31 **Funding by Members.**

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33 Commissioner Robinson shared information about the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget. He explained
34 that there are two different versions of the budget, one with Sandy City and one without. The
35 budget that will move forward is the one without Sandy, which includes a reduction of \$95,000.
36 The rest of the numbers on the budget document are similar to what has been seen in the past.
37 However, the CWC Board needs to decide whether to adjust the expenditures or use some of the
38 surplus from last year. There is an option to cut programmatic funding in order to balance the
39 budget.

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41 Commissioner Robinson noted that there are different options for the CWC Board to consider. It
42 is possible to make cuts to the Ski Bus Priority Access Program or reduce the Short-Term Projects
43 Grant Program funding. The Central Wasatch Symposium has been successful, but it is possible
44 to eliminate that event. He asked for Commissioner feedback. Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion reported
45 that she served on the Short-Term Projects Committee, and there was a conservative approach
46 taken. She would hate to see the Short-Term Projects Grant Program cut, because there are a lot

1 of needs in the community. Mayor Bennion pointed out that there were many applications that the
2 Committee was unable to fund.

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4 The CWC Board further reviewed the budget document. Commissioner Robinson asked what
5 surplus will be carried forward into 2027. Director of Operations, Sam Kilpack, reported that it
6 will be approximately \$100,000, but this depends on the amount of Short-Term Projects Grant
7 Program funding that is allocated. Commissioner Robinson asked if there are Commissioners who
8 would like to cut any of the following items in the budget document: website redesign, Ski Bus
9 Priority Access Program, Central Wasatch Symposium, Short-Term Projects Grant Program, or
10 graffiti abatement.

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12 Chair Mendenhall does not want to see these items cut, but she would support a reduction to the
13 Short-Term Projects Grant Program for now. If it is possible to increase the amount in the future,
14 then that could be considered. She stressed the importance of the Central Wasatch Symposium.
15 Commissioner Emily Gray asked if the Ski Bus Priority Access Program could encourage ski
16 resort support for future work. Executive Director, Lindsey Nielsen, stated that it could be a factor,
17 but she has not heard this expressed directly. There was additional discussion about the Short-
18 Term Projects Grant Program.

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20 **2. Commissioner Robinson will Open the Public Hearing as Treasurer/Secretary of the**
21 **Board of the Central Wasatch Commission.**

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23 *Ryan Mecham* explained that he is from Sandy City, and the intention is to include money for the
24 CWC in the next Tentative Budget. The Mayor of Sandy City will continue to fight this battle.

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26 Ms. Nielsen reported that two comments were submitted via email. Those comments were read
27 into the record by Director of Communications, Will McKay. The first comment was from Evan
28 Johnson, who wrote about the Central Wasatch National Conservation Area Act (“CWNCRA”).
29 He felt the Wilderness designation would increase pressure on the Wasatch rather than provide
30 protection. Mr. Johnson shared comments about the work of the CWC and the Mountain Accord
31 process. The second comment was from Deborah Ried, who shared comments about the UDOT
32 plans and future work.

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34 **CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 BUDGET**

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36 **MOTION:** Roger Bourke moved to CLOSE the Public Hearing. Christopher Robinson seconded
37 the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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39 **CLOSED SESSION**

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41 **1. Chair Mendenhall will Call for a Closed Session for the Purpose of Discussing the**
42 **Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of One or More**
43 **Individuals, as Authorized by Utah Code Ann. 52-4-205(1)(a).**

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45 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to go into CLOSED SESSION for the purpose of
46 discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of one or more

1 individuals, as authorized by Utah Code Annotated 52-4-205(1)(a). Bill Ciraco seconded the
2 motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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4 The CWC Board was in Closed Session from approximately 3:43 p.m. to 4:07 p.m.

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6 **CLOSED SESSION ENDS, MEETING RECONVENES**

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8 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to CLOSE the Closed Session and REOPEN the CWC
9 Board Meeting. Bill Ciraco seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent
10 of the Board.

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12 **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

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14 **1. The Board will Discuss Proposed Staff Bonuses.**

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16 **a. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-21 – Approving Staff**
17 **Bonuses.**

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19 Commissioner Robinson reported that Resolution 2026-21 proposes CWC Staff bonuses of
20 \$20,000, \$10,000, and \$5,000. The rationale for the bonuses is outlined in the 2026 Staff Bonus
21 Memo. The proposal is a one-time bonus for CWC Staff, which is outlined in the Resolution
22 language. He expressed support for what has been proposed and felt the proposed bonuses were
23 well deserved.

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25 Co-Chair Roger Bourke explained that the two Resolutions in the Budget Discussion section of
26 the agenda relate to CWC Staff bonuses and the approval of the Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget.
27 Chair Mendenhall clarified that Resolution 2026-21 has to do with the Fiscal Year 2025-2026
28 Budget.

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30 **MOTION:** Roger Bourke moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-21 – Approving Staff Bonuses.
31 Emily Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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33 **b. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-13 – Approving Fiscal Year**
34 **2026-2027 Budget.**

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36 Commissioner Robinson reported that Resolution 2026-13 has to do with the Fiscal Year 2026-
37 2027 Budget. It includes the reduction of the Sandy City membership contribution and takes funds
38 from the surplus. He agrees with the earlier comments from Chair Mendenhall that if cuts must
39 be made, the Short-Term Projects Grant Program funding should be reduced. Given the carryover
40 amount, it makes sense to him that the budget be approved as written with the transfer of the
41 \$81,600 outlined.

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43 Chair Mendenhall noted that even though Sandy City has exited this budget year, there is hope
44 that there will be a future contribution. The member jurisdictions rely on one another to continue
45 this work. She added that there is a need to maintain the existing CWC Staff, who have a lot of
46 expertise. The operation of the organization is different than a budget that is associated with a city

1 or town. For example, cities and towns must look at long-term sustainability, whereas the CWC
2 organization is focused on achieving specific outcomes that were identified during the Mountain
3 Accord process.

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5 **MOTION:** Emily Gray moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-13 – Approving the Fiscal Year
6 2026-2027 Budget. Bill Ciraco seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous
7 consent of the Board.

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9 **CHANGES TO BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

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11 **1. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-14 – Thanking Carlton**
12 **Christensen for His Service on the Central Wasatch Commission and Releasing Him**
13 **from the Board.**

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15 Chair Mendenhall reported that Resolution 2026-14 thanks Carlton Christensen for his service on
16 the CWC representing Utah Transit Authority (“UTA”) and releases him as an Ex-Officio
17 Member. Mayor Bennion thanked Mr. Christensen for the service that he provided. Commissioner
18 Robinson and Chair Mendenhall also took time to express their appreciation for his efforts.

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20 **MOTION:** Emily Gray moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-14 – Thanking Carlton
21 Christensen for His Service on the Central Wasatch Commission and Releasing Him from the
22 Board. Gay Lynn Bennion seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent
23 of the Board.

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25 **2. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-15 – Appointing Jay Fox as an Ex-**
26 **Officio Commissioner Representing UTA on the Central Wasatch Commission**
27 **Board.**

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29 Chair Mendenhall reported that Resolution 2026-15 will appoint Mr. Fox as an Ex-Officio
30 Member representing UTA on the CWC Board. Mayor Bennion explained that when she served
31 in the Legislature, she was able to attend various trainings and meetings. She was always
32 impressed with the work that Mr. Fox did with UTA and is excited to have him serve on the CWC
33 Board.

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35 **MOTION:** Bill Ciraco moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-15 – Appointing Jay Fox as an Ex-
36 Officio Commissioner Representing UTA on the Central Wasatch Commission Board. Emily
37 Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

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39 **COMMITTEE UPDATES**

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41 **1. Short-Term Committee Updates.**

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43 **a. Commissioner Emily Gray will Discuss the Recent Activities of the Short-**
44 **Term Projects Committee.**

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46 Commissioner Gray shared information about the Short-Term Projects Committee. The

1 Committee met in April to discuss the Short-Term Projects Grant Program applications. There
2 were a number of applications reviewed, and recommended funding amounts were determined.
3 The total recommendation is \$110,000, which is \$10,000 above the \$50,000 budget and \$50,000
4 surplus allocation. The list of projects that are proposed to be funded is outlined in Resolution
5 2026-16.

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7 Ms. Nielsen thanked Commissioner Gray for serving as Chair of the Short-Term Projects
8 Committee. She also thanked the Committee Members for their work reviewing the short-term
9 project applications. In the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget, there was \$50,000 budgeted for the Short-
10 Term Projects Grant Program. That is half of what is normally budgeted for the program. The
11 Committee worked under the assumption that \$50,000 could be allocated from the budget surplus
12 to reach \$100,000, which was the historic amount. In addition, there is a request for another
13 \$10,000 for short-term projects. It is possible to draw from the surplus or from reserves, which
14 has been done in the past.

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16 There was discussion about the Short-Term Projects Committee and the requested amount.
17 Commissioners reviewed the language in Resolution 2026-16 and considered a possible motion.

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19 **b. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-16 – Approving Short-**
20 **Term Projects and Funding.**

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22 **MOTION:** Emily Gray moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-16 – Approving Short-Term
23 Projects and Funding. Christopher Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed with the
24 unanimous consent of the Board.

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26 **2. Transportation Committee Updates.**

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28 **a. Commissioner Gay Lynn Bennion will Discuss the Recent Activities of the**
29 **Transportation Committee.**

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31 **b. Commissioner Bennion will Discuss the Future Mobility Hub at the Gravel Pit**
32 **Near Big Cottonwood Canyon.**

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34 Mayor Bennion shared information about the recent Transportation Committee Meetings. The
35 decision was made to meet on a monthly basis to discuss transportation-related items in the Central
36 Wasatch. There is a desire to consider the Wasatch Front and Wasatch Back during the
37 discussions.

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39 It was noted that there are three major focus items, one of which is the CWNCRRA. This is a critical
40 time to move forward with the CWNCRRA work, as windows are starting to open. The Committee
41 would like to see this be a high priority. Another focus item is enhanced busing. UDOT wants to
42 have the mobility hub finished by 2028. In order for that to work, there needs to be funding for
43 the operations and maintenance. She asked Special Advisor, Jack Stauss, to share information.

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45 Mr. Stauss provided information about operations and maintenance funding for enhanced bus
46 service in Big Cottonwood Canyon and Little Cottonwood Canyon. Save Our Canyons had the

1 idea to focus on some of the potential leasing taxes from the mobility hub, as those could be used
2 for operations and maintenance needs. There has been a discussion about a bill related to this at
3 an upcoming Legislative Session. The hope is that it will be possible to create a bill that would
4 allow the \$20 million in the Cottonwood Canyons Transportation Investment Fund (“CCTIF”) to
5 be used for the ongoing operations and maintenance needs for the bus service. There have been
6 conversations with those involved in policy at UDOT, and there have also been conversations with
7 partners. Ideally, there will be a bill drafted that can be considered during an upcoming Legislative
8 Session. There is an opportunity to support the enhanced bus solution, which would provide
9 equitable transportation.

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11 Mayor Bennion reported that Ex-Officio Caroline Rodriguez has been able to provide information
12 about High Valley Transit costs. Their annual budget is approximately \$25 million. For this
13 project in the Cottonwood Canyons, there is a projection of approximately \$5 million for the bus
14 drivers.

15
16 Another focus item for the Transportation Committee is the Ski Bus Priority Access Program. If
17 there is a functioning mobility hub and enhanced bus system, but the buses are unable to move on
18 Wasatch Boulevard, then there will be a lack of functionality. There has been a discussion with
19 UDOT about signal prioritization. Buses could be equipped with devices that would allow them
20 to preempt a red light. Where there is room on Wasatch Boulevard without the addition of lanes,
21 there could be areas where bus priority could be created. The Committee is also discussing the
22 Millcreek Canyon shuttle.

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24 **3. Capacity Committee Updates.**

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26 **a. Commissioner Roger Bourke will Discuss the Recent Activities of the Capacity**
27 **Committee.**

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29 Co-Chair Bourke shared information about the Capacity Committee work. During the first
30 meeting, there were discussions about the direction of the Committee and the rationale for a
31 potential study. There is another Capacity Committee Meeting scheduled to take place in July.
32 Ms. Nielsen thanked Co-Chair Bourke for volunteering to serve as the Chair of the newly formed
33 Capacity Committee.

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35 **4. Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Updates.**

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37 **a. Staff will Discuss Recent CWNCRAs Activities.**

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39 Ms. Nielsen reported that the CWNCRAs is a priority for CWC Staff. There is work being done
40 with the ski resorts and other stakeholders to see if it is possible to bring everyone back to the table
41 to re-engage in a draft of the CWNCRAs. It is the goal of CWC Staff and the CWC Board to have
42 a new draft of the CWNCRAs completed by the end of this year. This will not necessarily be easy
43 to do, but it is possible to make it happen. She will continue to share updates with the CWC Board
44 in the future.

1 Chair Mendenhall mentioned a possible CWC Board Retreat and how to work toward the
2 CWNCRA goals. Ms. Nielsen reported that the retreat will likely take place in the middle of
3 August.

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5 It was noted that Mr. Christensen had joined the CWC Board Meeting. CWC Board Members
6 took a moment to express their appreciation for his work as an Ex-Officio Member. It was noted
7 that there was a Resolution passed earlier in the meeting thanking him for his efforts and time on
8 the CWC Board. Commissioner Robinson read Resolution 2026-14 aloud, which highlighted his
9 time on the CWC Board and his active participation in discussions. Appreciation for his work was
10 reiterated.

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12 Mr. Christensen thanked the CWC Board and stated that it has been a pleasure to serve with them.
13 Ex-Officio Fox expressed appreciation for his dedicated service to both UTA and the CWC.
14 Mayor Monica Zoltanski discussed the importance of bus transportation and mentioned the
15 impacts on communities. She appreciated that Mr. Christensen made himself available to the
16 CWC and others. Ms. Nielsen acknowledged all of the guidance that was provided to CWC Staff
17 and the CWC Board.

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19 **b. Staff will Discuss a Coordinated Communication and Outreach Campaign to**
20 **Educate and Engage the Public About the CWNCRA.**

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22 Mr. McKay reported that there has been a discussion about a public engagement campaign on the
23 CWNCRA. In the past, there has been a lot of input from stakeholders, elected officials,
24 organizations, and advocacy groups, but there has not been as much input from members of the
25 public. It is possible to garner support through an online petition that is available to members of
26 the public. The petition can outline what the CWNCRA would accomplish. An online petition
27 and a marketing campaign are envisioned. He explained that the marketing campaign can include
28 short-form videos with CWC Board Members and stakeholders. This would inform more people
29 about the CWNCRA.

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31 Chair Mendenhall expressed support for the idea. She asked that private stakeholders, such as the
32 ski resort operators, be included as much as possible in the marketing campaign. Special Advisor,
33 Amber Broadway, explained that she would need to speak to her colleagues before weighing in.
34 She requested additional information about what the marketing campaign will entail and pointed
35 out that there is still no full alignment on the CWNCRA. Commissioner Robinson asked that
36 CWC Staff determine the scope of the communication strategy and outline what there is a desire
37 to achieve. There was discussion about future communication and outreach. Laura Briefer
38 suggested that there be some collaboration to ensure that all of the messaging is consistent
39 throughout this process.

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41 **c. The Board will Discuss Holding a Retreat in the Fall.**

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43 It was noted that there is a CWC Board Retreat planned in either the late summer or early fall.
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1 d. **The Board will Continue Discussions from the April and May Board Meetings**
2 **on Fund Balance Strategy.**
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4 There were no additional discussions about the Fund Balance strategy.
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6 e. **Treasurer Christopher Robinson will Discuss the CWC’s Annual Fraud Risk**
7 **Assessment.**
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9 Commissioner Robinson shared information about the annual Fraud Risk Assessment. The State
10 Auditor website has training that can be completed, which he encouraged Board Members to do.
11 There is a lot of information available, and completion of certain tasks increases the assessment
12 score.
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14 **CONTRACT RENEWALS**
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16 1. **Contracts for Transcription, Accounting, Legal, Lobbying, Audit, and Web**
17 **Maintenance will Automatically Renew on July 1.**
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19 This item was not discussed by the CWC Board.
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21 2. **(Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-17 – Approving a Third**
22 **Amendment to an Independent Contractor Agreement with EcoBrite Services, LLC,**
23 **for Tri-Canyon Restroom Maintenance.**
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25 Chair Mendenhall reported that the CWC Board will consider Resolution 2026-17, Resolution
26 2026-18, and 2026-19, which all relate to tri-canyon restroom maintenance. Commissioner
27 Robinson understands that the CWC is essentially a pass-through facilitator. CWC Staff
28 confirmed this.
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30 **MOTION:** Christopher Robinson moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-17 – Approving a Third
31 Amendment to an Independent Contractor Agreement with EcoBrite Services, LLC, for Tri-
32 Canyon Restroom Maintenance. Emily Gray seconded the motion. The motion passed with the
33 unanimous consent of the Board.
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35 3. **(Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-18 – Approving an Extension of an**
36 **Interlocal Funding Agreement with Salt Lake City Public Utilities for Joint Funding**
37 **of Tri-Canyon Restroom Maintenance.**
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39 **MOTION:** Bill Ciraco moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-18 – Approving an Extension of
40 an Interlocal Funding Agreement with Salt Lake City Public Utilities for Joint Funding of Tri-
41 Canyon Restroom Maintenance. Scotty John seconded the motion. The motion passed with the
42 unanimous consent of the Board.
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1 **4. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-19 – Approving a Third**
2 **Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Brighton for Tri-Canyon**
3 **Restroom Maintenance.**
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5 **MOTION:** Emily Gray moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-19 – Approving a Third
6 Amendment to an Interlocal Agreement with the Town of Brighton for Tri-Canyon Restroom
7 Maintenance. Bill Ciraco seconded the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent
8 of the Board.
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10 **STAKEHOLDERS COUNCIL DISCUSSION**
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12 **1. Stakeholders Council Chair Maura Hahnenberger will Discuss the Recent Activities**
13 **of the Stakeholders Council.**
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15 **a. Letter Concerning Implementation of Phase I of the Little Cottonwood**
16 **Environmental Impact Statement.**
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18 Chair of the Stakeholders Council, Maura Hahnenberger, shared information about the recent
19 Stakeholders Council activities. Co-Chair of the Stakeholders Council, Kurt Hegmann, is present
20 at the CWC Board Meeting, as well as several Stakeholders Council Members. Ms. Hahnenberger
21 reported that there was a letter forwarded to the CWC Board from the Stakeholders Council about
22 Phase I of the UDOT Little Cottonwood Canyon Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”). This
23 letter was included in the Meeting Materials Packet for Board Member review. The letter was
24 initiated by a member of the Stakeholders Council and was then revised through Council review.
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26 Once feedback about the letter was received from Council Members, the letter was edited to ensure
27 there were multiple perspectives included. Items where there was no consensus were removed
28 from the letter. What has been forwarded to the CWC Board has received support from the
29 Stakeholders Council. There was a positive vote to share the letter with the CWC Board, with one
30 abstention.
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32 Ms. Hahnenberger explained that the intention of the letter is to bring these items to the CWC
33 Board for review and consideration. She asked the CWC Board to consider if there are items in
34 the letter that can be focused on moving forward. Comments on these items could potentially be
35 provided to UDOT. Ms. Hahnenberger reported that the goal is to focus on changes that would
36 improve traffic flow in Little Cottonwood Canyon and changes that would improve traffic safety.
37 There are also recommendations to improve the efficiency and usability of public transit and items
38 that focus on equitable access to the canyons. Chair Mendenhall expressed appreciation for the
39 letter. She would like to understand who should be approached with the outlined
40 recommendations. It would also be beneficial to understand potential funding options. The
41 Stakeholders Council was asked to look into those details. Ms. Hahnenberger confirmed that this
42 is something that can be pursued.
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44 Ms. Broadway stated that this was one of the best letters that she has seen come out of the
45 Stakeholders Council. She appreciated the recommendations and the work that was done on this.

1 Ms. Hahnenberger reported that Kelly Boardman was the Council Member who initiated this, but
2 there was a collaborative process that included a lot of Council Member feedback.

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4 Ms. Hahnenberger explained that the Stakeholders Council is interested in supporting the work of
5 the CWC Board, including the CWNCRRA and Capacity Committee. The System Committees
6 were created to better align with the Mountain Accord, and there has been work done to collaborate
7 between the committees to move forward the goals of the Mountain Accord. She asked how the
8 Stakeholders Council can support the CWNCRRA efforts. There is a lot of expertise on the
9 Stakeholders Council and Council Members want to know how to use that expertise in both the
10 short-term and long-term.

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12 Mr. Hegmann discussed capacity in the canyons. He noted that future decision-making requires
13 there to be solid data. There are multiple people on the Stakeholders Council who have survey
14 methodology expertise, so the Council has the ability to assist with the capacity work. Mr.
15 Hegmann reported that there are people on the Stakeholders Council who have knowledge about
16 the Central Wasatch that dates back decades. It is possible to rely on the expertise of the
17 Stakeholders Council.

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19 Mr. Hegmann stated that solid baseline data is needed beyond vehicle counts, which could include
20 the number of bicyclists, hikers, and other recreationists. The Stakeholders Council is interested
21 in assisting the CWC Board with the capacity efforts. There is relevant information that can be
22 shared. Chair Mendenhall believed the Stakeholders Council is offering to provide qualitative data
23 collection and potentially assist with quantitative data. Mr. Hegmann explained that there is a
24 desire to assist.

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26 **2. (Action) The Board will Consider Resolution 2026-20 – Releasing and Appointing**
27 **Stakeholders Council Members.**
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29 Ms. Kilpack reported that there are two Stakeholders joining the Stakeholders Council and three
30 departing. Jonny Vasic, Sarah Bennet, and Brenden Catt will be released as members of the
31 Stakeholders Council, and Lexi Tuddenham and Julie Faure are proposed to be appointed.
32 Ms. Faure introduced herself to the CWC Board. She previously worked in Alta and was the
33 manager of Alta Lodge. The Central Wasatch means a lot to her, and she would like to support
34 the work of the CWC. She currently runs and owns Utah Mountain Adventures, which is a
35 mountain guide service. It operates under a Special-Use Priority Permit with the U.S. Forest
36 Service under the Salt Lake Ranger District. She shared additional information about the work of
37 Utah Mountain Adventures and stressed the importance of access. It was noted that safety is a
38 priority, and avalanche classes are provided.

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40 **MOTION:** Bill Ciraco moved to APPROVE Resolution 2026-20 – Releasing and Appointing
41 Stakeholders Council Members. Gay Lynn Bennion seconded the motion. The motion passed
42 with the unanimous consent of the Board.
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1 **STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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3 1. **The Grand Opening of the Park City Historic Mine Route (a CWC-Funded Short-**
4 **Term Project) is on September 7th, 2026, and Commissioners are Invited to Attend.**

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6 Ms. Kilpack reported that the Park City Historic Mine Route is a short-term project that the CWC
7 funded during the last grant cycle. Commissioners are invited to attend the grand opening on
8 September 7, 2026. She offered to send out additional details as well as a description of the event.
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10 2. **The Next Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting will be on August 31, 2026.**

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12 The next Executive/Budget/Audit Committee Meeting will take place on August 31, 2026.
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14 3. **The Next CWC Board Meeting will be on October 5, 2026.**

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16 The next CWC Board Meeting will take place on October 5, 2026, and it will be held in Millcreek.
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18 **OTHER BUSINESS**

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20 There was no other business discussed.
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22 **CLOSING**

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24 1. **Chair Mendenhall will Call for a Motion to Adjourn the CWC Board Meeting.**

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26 **MOTION:** Roger Bourke moved to ADJOURN the CWC Board Meeting. Emily Gray seconded
27 the motion. The motion passed with the unanimous consent of the Board.

28 The CWC Board Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central*
2 *Wasatch Commission Board Meeting held Monday, June 22, 2026.*

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7 Minutes Secretary

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9 Minutes Approved: _____