

MEETING MINUTE SUMMARY
SALT LAKE COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING
Wednesday, July 15, 2026, 8:30 a.m.

****Meeting minutes approved on August 12, 2026****

Approximate meeting length: 39

Number of public in attendance: 2

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	x	
Andres Paredes			x

ATTENDANCE

Planning Staff / DA	Public Mtg	Business Mtg
Wendy Gurr	x	x
Brian Tucker	x	x
Claudia Wiese	x	x
Ryan Anderson	x	x
Holly Pearson	x	
Zach Shaw (DA)	x	x

BUSINESS MEETING

Meeting began at – 8:31 a.m.

Commissioner Watkins read the Chairs Opening Statement.

- 1) Approval of June 10, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes. (Motion/Voting)

Motion: To approve June 10, 2026, Planning Commission Meeting Minutes.

Motion by: Commissioner Cohen

2nd by: Commissioner Cole

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

- 2) Other Business Items. (As Needed)

Staff reminded the Planning Commission of the 2026 Annual Planning Commissioner training satisfying three of the four hours of continued education.

PUBLIC HEARING(S)

Meeting began at – 8:35 a.m.

OAM2026-001635 - Proposed amendment to the Salt Lake County Resource Management Plan to add the following sections: Renewable Energy, Critical Minerals and Rare Earth Elements, Utility Corridors, Pipelines and Infrastructure. **Presenter:** Sean Keenan (Discussion, Hearing, Action)

Consultant Sean Keenan provided an analysis of the amended plan.

Commissioners and staff had a brief discussion regarding bio-west doing a great job, and that the gondola is separate from this.

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

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

No one from the public was present to speak.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion: To recommend file #OAM2026-001635 Proposed amendment to the Salt Lake County Resource Management Plan to add the following sections: Renewable Energy, Critical Minerals and Rare Earth Elements, Utility Corridors, Pipelines and Infrastructure to the County Council with staff recommendations.

Motion by: Commissioner Cohen

2nd by: Commissioner Cole

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

OAM2026-001644 - Consideration of amending Section 9.90.025 of the Salt Lake County Municipal Code to adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code in accordance with H.B. 41 of the 2026 General Legislative Session of the State of Utah. **Planner:** Brian Tucker (Discussion, Hearing, Action)

Greater Salt Lake Municipal Services District Planning Manager Brian Tucker provided an analysis of the code amendments.

Commissioners and staff had a brief discussion regarding why this needs to run through the county and not just the state. Cities and counties will adopt the codes as well as the state pursuant to the state mandate. If Salt Lake County didn't take this action, it could cause confusion for the planning staff, and this just cleans it up for consistency. Question was asked why couldn't the county just adopt whatever the state adopts. Under state law the county has the option of adopting more restrictive standards.

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

PUBLIC HEARING OPENED

No one from the public was present to speak.

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

PUBLIC HEARING CLOSED

Motion: To recommend file #OAM2026-001644 Consideration of amending Section 9.90.025 of the Salt Lake County Municipal Code to adopt the 2024 Edition of the International Wildland-Urban Interface Code in accordance with H.B. 41 of the 2026 General Legislative Session of the State of Utah to the County Council with staff recommendations.

Motion by: Commissioner Cole

2nd by: Commissioner Hiatt

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

MEETING ADJOURNED

Time Adjourned – 9:10 a.m.