WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
WFRC || Regional Growth Committee
May 21, 2026

WFRC Regional Growth Committee Meeting was held at WFRC Office, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

1. **Introductions & Consent Agenda**
   Mayor Dawn Ramsey, South Jordan City, called the meeting to order and welcomed attendees. Mayor Ramsey excused Chair Tami Tran. Introductions were made for those present in person and online. **ACTION: [00:05:55]** Beth Holbrook, UTA Trustee, moved to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2026 meeting. Mayor Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously following no further discussion.

2. **Public Comment [00:06:54]**
   Holly Pearson, Salt Lake County, shared information regarding the upcoming 2025 Regional Solutions Event. This event will focus on *"Finding Middle Housing"* and is scheduled for September 30, 2026.

3. **Chair report [00:10:24]**
   Jory Johner, WFRC Long Range Planning Director, provided a status report on the Regional Transportation Plan and the *"Preferred Scenario"* set of draft projects , as previously reviewed during the 2025 Fall Workshops. Mr. Johner noted that the public comment period recently concluded with over 2,600 submissions, the majority of which addressed the proposed Gondola in Little Cottonwood Canyon. Further action on the Regional Transportation Plan is not needed until May 2027.

   Julie Bjornstad, WFRC Long Range Planning Deputy Director, outlined the criteria to be utilized in the coming months for project phasing and prioritization. These criteria reflect the feedback received from the Regional Growth Committee in January.

   Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, provided a report on the initial draft of the federal transportation authorization bill, which was made public earlier this week.

4. **Station Area Plan Certifications [00:37:34]**
   Byron Head, WFRC Community Planner, and Adam Olsen, Midvale Community Development Director, presented Midvale's portion of the Historic Sandy TRAX Station Area Plan. The subject area comprises approximately three acres and contains two existing businesses and four residences; as there are no current redevelopment plans, it qualifies for a resolution of impracticability. **ACTION [00:41:59]:** Beth Holbrook, UTA Trustee, moved to recommend the certification of the Midvale Historic Sandy TRAX Resolution of Impracticability to the Wasatch Front Regional Council. Mayor Kristie Overson, Taylorsville, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously following no further discussion.

5. **Discussion: Water Scarcity and our Region's Growth [00:43:00]**
   Ted Knowlton, WFRC Chief Planner and Deputy Director, led a discussion about shared responses to address urban area water scarcity. He first shared data about how development patterns influence urban area water use.

   Information was shared also by Sam Taylor of Landmark Design, Anna McEntire from USU ILWA, and Jason Brown with Envision Utah

   The Regional Growth Committee discussed the requirements of local governments in addressing water scarcity and explored potential collaborative responses, including the identification of necessary subsequent steps and the entities responsible for their implementation.

6. **Other Business & Adjournment [01:55:04]**
   Mayor Ramsey noted that the next Regional Growth Committee meeting is scheduled for August 20, 2026, while the Wasatch Front Regional Council will convene next week on May 28, 2026. **ACTION: [01:55:23]** Blaine Fackrell, Morgan County Commissioner, moved to adjourn the meeting. Mayor Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful, seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 11:19 a.m.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org. Please see the next page for attendance.

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2026 RGC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				**Other Attendees**
Member -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Holly Pearson, SLCo
Alternate -	Dennis Bott, Mayor	Brigham City	No	Catherine Kanter, SLCo
DAVIS COUNTY				Cody Lutz, Envision Utah
Member -	Tami Tran, Mayor (Chair)	Kaysville	No	Hailey Kirlin, Div. Water Res.
Alternate -	Marie Dougherty, Mayor	Clinton	Yes	R. Watkins, Visitor
Member -	Kate Bradshaw, Mayor	Bountiful	Yes	Anna McEntire, USU ILWA
Alternate -	Jeanne Groberg, Mayor	Fruit Heights	Yes	Adam Olson, Midvale
MORGAN COUNTY				Sam Taylor, Landmark Design
Member-	Blaine Fackrell, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	
Alternate -	Tony London, Councilmember	Morgan City	No	
SALT LAKE COUNTY				
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor	South Jordan	Yes	
Alternate -	Alison Stroud, Councilmember	Sandy City	Yes	
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	No	
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	
Member -	Cherie Wood, Mayor	South Salt Lake	No	
Alternate -	Mick Sudbury, Mayor	Magna	No	
Alternate -	Gay Lynn Bennion, Mayor	Cottonwood Heights	Yes	
Alternate -	Allan Perry, Mayor	White City	Yes	
TOOELE COUNTY				
Member -	Heidi Hammond, Mayor	Grantsville City	No	**WFRC STAFF**
Alternate -	Kendall Thomas, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	Andrew Gruber
WEBER COUNTY				Ted Knowlton
Member -	Sharon Bolos, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Andrea Pearson
Alternate -	Rob Vanderwood, Mayor	West Haven	Yes	Jordon Chandler
Member -	Braden Mitchell, Mayor	Riverdale	Yes	Rosie Hernandez
Alternate -	Ann Jackson, Mayor	Roy	No	Bert Granberg
OTHER APPOINTMENTS:				Jory Johner
Member -	Natalie Gochnour, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	No	Julie Bjornstad
Alternate -	Brad Dee, Commissioner	Utah Transportation Commission	No	Johnnae Nardone
Member -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	Tim Watkins
Alternate -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA Board	No	Byron Head
Member -	Kim Frost	Utah Air Quality Board	Yes	Miranda Jones Cox
Alternate -		Utah Air Quality Board	Vacant	
Member -	Jason Brown, Executive Director	Envision Utah	Yes	
Alternate -		Envision Utah	Vacant	
NON-VOTING MEMBERS				
Member -	Tiffany Pocock	UDOT	Yes	
Alternate -	Andrea Olson, Planning Director	UDOT	No	

Member -	Nichol Bourdeaux, Chief Planning & Engmt Ofc.	UTA	Yes	
Alternate -	Jaron Robertson, Planning Director	UTA	No	
Member -	Bryce Bird, Director	Division of Air Quality	No	
Member -	Kelly Lund, Planner, Utah Division	FHWA	No	
Alternate -	Ivan Marrero, Division Administrator	FHWA	No	
Member -	Lorin Palmer, Herriman City Mayor	Utah League of Cities & Towns	No	
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Commission (Vice Chair)	Utah Association of Counties	No	
Member -	Jared Gray, Mayor, Eagle Mountain	MAG	No	
Member -	Kristen Cordova	Utah Urban Land Institute	No	
Member -	Mary Catherine Perry	Salt Lake Chamber	No	
Member -	Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator	GOPB	No	
Member -	Reid Ewing, Professor	University of Utah	No	