



Utah Energy Council

**Meeting Minutes
July 7, 2026**

Call to Order: by Emy Lesofski at ####am on July 7, 2026.

Attendees

Voting Members in attendance:

- Emy Lesofski, Chair
- Rep. Carl Albrecht
- Sen. Ann Milner
- Nate Walkingshaw
- Curtis Wells

Guests in attendance:

- Joel Ferry, DNR
- Neil Walter, Representative
- Ryan Hunter
- Brian Bean
- Joe Finley, OED Energy Council Policy Advisor
- Tracy Rees, OED Deputy Director
- Tim Kowalchik, OED Research Director
- Lindsey Mayer, OED DOE Fellow
- Tyson Bomsta, OED Economist
- Lindsey Mayer, OED Staff
- Michelle Phelps, Assistant Attorney General, Natural Resources Division, Utah AGO
- Thom Carter, Rocky Mountain Power
- Kate
- Adam
- Robert Spendlove
- Emmalee Davis
- Scott Elder

Item 1. Welcome & Call to Order

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from the ####, meeting was given by Emy Lesofski. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of Agenda

Emy Lesofski asked if there was a motion to approve the amended meeting agenda due to a typo. The motion was approved unanimously.

Item 2. Swearing in of Council Member Senator Kirk Cullimore — Michelle Phelps, Utah Attorney General's Office

Swearing in of Senator Cullimore.

Representative Albrecht shared that in light of Senate elections, there is a possibility of time conflicts with Senator Cullimore's schedule if he was to become Senate President. Albrecht suggests that he would have to replace someone as a designee and that it should be someone who has a background in energy.

Emy Lesofski responded that should Sen. Cullimore were to ascend as Senate President then yes, he would need to appoint an appropriate designee.

Michelle Phelps led the swearing in of Senator Cullimore to the board of the Utah Energy Council Board.

Emy Lesofski welcomed the official newest member.

Item 3. Public Comment

Emy Lesofski asked if there were any members of the public who would like to make a comment.

None were said.

Motion to move to closed session was made and seconded.

Closed Meeting

Item 6. Return to open meeting

Announced that we need more time to discuss the additional two candidates and will hold that for the next meeting.

The Council discussed whether to keep its currently scheduled July 28 meeting. Emy Lesofski suggested canceling it, noting the Council expects to receive the IPA RFP materials before then and can convene an ad hoc discussion if needed in the meantime. The Council agreed to cancel the July 28 meeting, with the option to reconvene informally if warranted, and confirmed its next regularly scheduled meeting for **Tuesday, August 25**.

Item 9. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.