



## CITY COUNCIL

### MEMBERS:

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## South Salt Lake City Council Regular Meeting Agenda

Public notice is hereby given that the South Salt Lake City Council will hold a Regular Meeting on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026**, in the City Council Chambers, 220 East Morris Avenue, Suite 200, commencing at **7:00 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as possible.

To watch the meeting live click the link below to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/93438486912>

Watch recorded City Council meetings at: [youtube.com/@SouthSaltLakeCity](https://www.youtube.com/@SouthSaltLakeCity)

Conducting  
Council Chair  
Sergeant at Arms

Irvin Jones, District 5  
Sharla Bynum, District 3  
South Salt Lake PD

### Opening Ceremonies

1. Welcome/Introductions
2. Pledge of Allegiance

Irvin Jones  
Clarissa Williams

### No Action Comments

1. Scheduling
2. Public Comments/Questions
  - a. Response to Comments/Questions  
(at the discretion of the conducting Council Member)
3. Mayor Comments
4. City Attorney Comments
5. City Council Comments
6. Information Item (10 minutes each)
  - a. Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents

City Recorder

Kelli Meranda

### Action Items

#### Appointments by the Mayor

1. Catherine Taylor – Civilian Review Board Regular Member

Mayor Wood

### Unfinished Business

1. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Authorizing the Below Named Individuals to Perform All Necessary Functions Relating to the City's Financial Accounts, Including the Utah Public Treasurer's Investment Fund Accounts, for the City of South Salt Lake

Stewart Okobia

### Motion for Closed Meeting

### Adjourn

Posted July 2, 2026

Those needing auxiliary communicative aids or other services for this meeting should contact

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Ariel Andrus at 801-483-6019, giving at least 24 hours' notice.

In accordance with State Statute and Council Policy, one or more Council Members may be connected electronically.

**Public Comments/Question Policy**

The public is invited to address the Council and/or Mayor concerning City business. Speakers must come to the podium and state their name and city of residence. ***Comments are limited 3 minutes, or less, at the discretion of the conducting Council Member, who will inform you when your time has expired.*** All remarks must be pertinent to City business, free of personal attacks and argumentative questions, and align with the City-adopted Dignity Index. The conducting Council Member determines whether a response will be given. The Council may choose to respond at a future regularly scheduled meeting. City employee grievances must be processed according to adopted personnel rules.

Have a question or concern? Call the connect line 801-464-6757 or email [connect@sslc.gov](mailto:connect@sslc.gov)

CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING

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| COUNCIL MEETING                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | Wednesday July 8, 2026<br>7:00 p.m.                   |
| CITY OFFICES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 220 East Morris Avenue<br>South Salt Lake, Utah 84115 |
| PRESIDING:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Council Chair Sharla Bynum                            |
| CONDUCTING:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Irvin Jones, District 5                               |
| PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Clarissa Williams, At-Large                           |
| SERGEANT AT ARMS:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Carson Aprato, Spencer Redden                         |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:<br>Joy Glad, Corey Thomas, Sharla Bynum,<br>Irvin Jones, Clarissa Williams, and Ray deWolfe                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                                                       |
| COUNCIL MEMBERS NOT PRESENT:<br>Nick Mitchell (excused)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                       |
| STAFF PRESENT:<br>Mayor Wood<br>Josh Collins, City Attorney<br>Danielle Croyle, Police Chief<br>Terry Addison, Fire Chief<br>Sharen Hauri, Neighborhoods Director<br>Stewart Okobia, Finance Director<br>Kelli Meranda, Promise Director<br>Carson Aprato, Police Sergeant<br>Ryan Alvarez, Police Officer<br>Matthew Robins, Executive Assistant<br>Ariel Andrus, City Recorder<br>Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder |                                                       |
| OTHERS PRESENT:<br>See list                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |                                                       |

**NO ACTION COMMENTS**

1. **SCHEDULING.** The City Recorder informed those at the meeting of upcoming events, meetings, activities, etc. **Next Council Meeting—August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm.**

July 24<sup>th</sup> - City offices and community centers would be closed in observance of Pioneer Day.

July 13<sup>th</sup> – ‘Meet the Mayor’ ice cream social at Fitts Park.

August 4<sup>th</sup> – ‘Badges and Brats’ at the Police Department.

August 7<sup>th</sup> – ‘Movies in the Park’ will feature ‘Barbie’ at Central Park Community Center.

August 14<sup>th</sup> - ‘Movies in the Park’ will feature ‘42’ at Central Park Community Center.

August 11<sup>th</sup> – Truth in Taxation Public Hearing at 7 p.m.

More information about all City events can be found at [sslc.gov](http://sslc.gov)

**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS/QUESTIONS.**

Cottonwood Heights resident, Ken Davis, spoke about his campaign as the Republican nominee for the Salt Lake County District Attorney. He expressed his commitment to listening to the community, acknowledging that the City houses the county jail and resource centers, and therefore feels the impacts of the justice system acutely.

South Salt Lake resident, Haisel Stout, shared comments regarding the recent primary elections and celebrated the defeats of three Republican incumbents who supported a data center in San Juan County. They urged the Mayor and the City Council to publicly condemn the data center, arguing it would consume vital water and energy resources during an ongoing drought, and expressed frustration that foreign billionaires were influencing state infrastructure.

**3. MAYOR COMMENTS.**

Mayor Wood read a City proclamation recognizing America 250, observing the 250th anniversary of the United States. The proclamation highlighted the diversity of the City and its commitment to building a community where everyone feels they belong. The Mayor indicated that the City planned to celebrate further at the upcoming Celebrate South Salt Lake event in September.

**4. CITY ATTORNEY COMMENTS.**

None.

**5. CITY COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Council Member deWolfe thanked the Mayor for the proclamation and wished everyone a happy Pioneer Day.

Council Member Williams thanked everyone who attended the recent parade, reflecting on the phrase "We the people" and emphasizing that elected officials are elected to serve all people, regardless of their background.

Council Chair Bynum thanked the public commenters and explicitly stated on the public record that she did not support the data center mentioned during the public comment period. She also commended the staff for their hard work on the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade.

Council Member Thomas thanked Mr. Davis, Council Member Jones, and all

veterans for their service. She expressed appreciation for the police officers and cleanup crews working behind the scenes at the parade and praised the City for its "City of Kindness" initiative.

Council Member Jones mentioned he had attended a groundbreaking for a new Veterans Affairs treatment center on 37th South and State Street. He noted the facility would greatly improve access for veterans facing transportation challenges. He concluded by stating that while the City is a city of kindness, it cannot be bullied or taken advantage of.

#### **6. INFORMATION.**

##### **a. Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents**

Promise Director, Kelli Meranda, presented a new initiative funded by the Wallace Foundation called 'Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents'. She explained that the program is a cross-sector partnership aimed at transforming youth development in the City and Millcreek. She detailed that the City is one of seven communities nationwide selected for the program, which focuses on youth between the ages of ten and twenty-five, with a primary focus on junior high and high school students. Ms. Meranda outlined the program's phases, starting with a design phase in 2026, a pilot phase in 2027, and full implementation from 2028 to 2031. She highlighted the importance of positive out-of-school-time settings in improving academic achievement and decreasing negative behaviors. Ms. Meranda also shared that the Digital Youth Network is administering a survey to gather feedback from local youth regarding service gaps.

Mayor Wood added that securing this funding was a multi-year process and praised Ms. Meranda and her team for their long-term efforts in building the City's youth infrastructure.

A copy of the presentation is attached and incorporated by this reference.

#### **Action Items**

##### **Appointments by the Mayor**

##### **1. Catherine Taylor – Civilian Review Board Regular Member**

The Mayor presented Ms. Taylor to the Council for their advice and consent as a new appointment.

A copy of Ms. Taylor's resume, which was provided to the Council at the Work Meeting, is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Chair Bynum made a motion to approve Ms. Taylor as a Regular Member to the Civilian Review Board.

**MOTION: Sharla Bynum**

**SECOND: Corey Thomas**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Glad: Yes  
 Thomas: Yes  
 Bynum: Yes  
 Mitchell: Absent  
 Jones: Yes  
 Williams: Yes  
 deWolfe: Yes

**Unfinished Business**

1. **A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Authorizing the Below Named Individuals to Perform All Necessary Functions Relating to the City's Financial Accounts, Including the Utah Public Treasurer's Investment Fund Accounts, for the City of South Salt Lake**

Finance Director, Stewart Okobia, presented a Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council authorizing specific individuals to perform all necessary functions relating to the City's financial accounts, including the Utah Public Treasurers Investment Fund accounts. The Resolution was reviewed in the previous Work Meeting.

The City Council had no further questions on this item.

A copy of the Resolution is attached and incorporated by this reference.

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: Corey Thomas

**Roll Call Vote:**

Glad: Yes  
 Thomas: Yes  
 Bynum: Yes  
 Mitchell: Absent  
 Jones: Yes  
 Williams: Yes  
 deWolfe: Yes

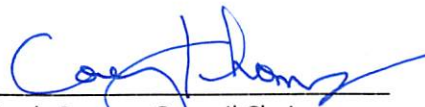
Council Member deWolfe made a motion to Adjourn.

MOTION: Ray deWolfe  
SECOND: Corey Thomas

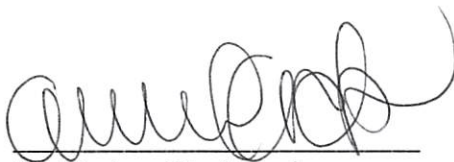
Voice Vote:

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| Glad:     | Yes    |
| Thomas:   | Yes    |
| Bynum:    | Yes    |
| Mitchell: | Absent |
| Jones:    | Yes    |
| Williams: | Yes    |
| deWolfe:  | Yes    |

The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

  
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Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

COREY Thomas

  
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Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

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**\*\*Please sign in for each meeting\*\***

## CITY COUNCIL - WORK & REGULAR MEETING LIST OF ATTENDEES

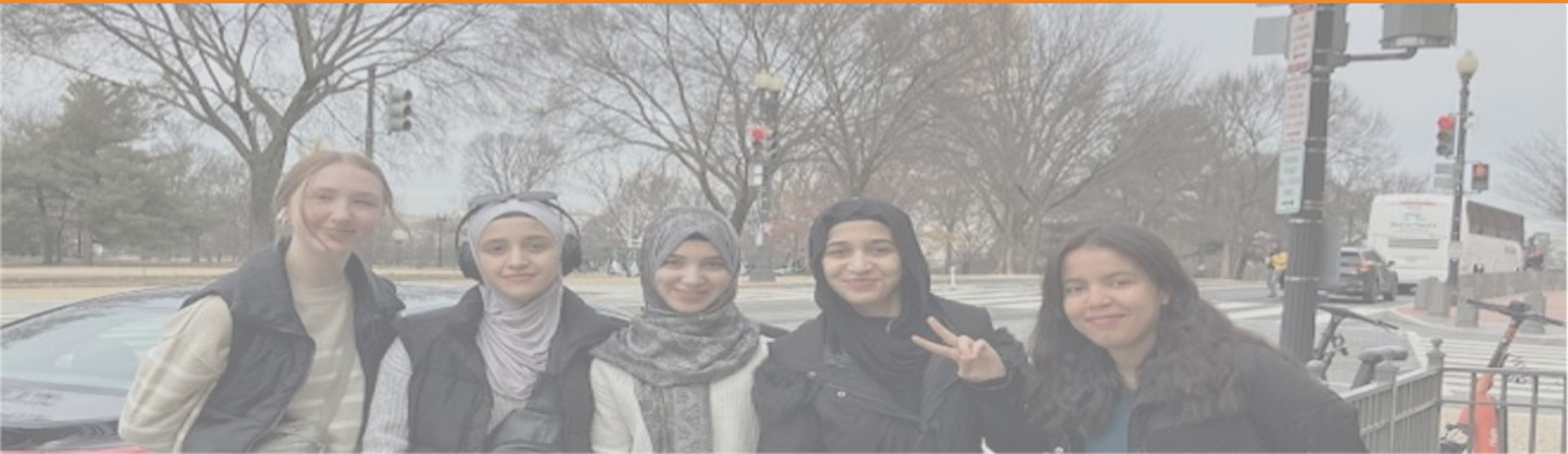
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# Advancing Opportunities for Adolescents

Leveraging cross-sector partnership to transform youth  
development in South Salt Lake & Millcreek

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# Our Vision & Mission

*Our vision:* All adolescents in South Salt Lake and Millcreek have a sense of belonging, hope for their future, and are empowered to dream big, explore boldly, and pursue pathways to academic success and economic mobility.

*Our mission:* We will reimagine and strengthen a youth-centered system across sectors where barriers are removed, opportunities are expanded, and resources are rich and reflective of youth voice while building relationships rooted in trust, authenticity, and support.





## 100%

high school  
graduation with  
a career plan

## 100%

basic needs met  
among students  
and their families



# Reframing Adolescence in Our Communities



- AOA invests in what adolescents need to thrive, rooted in adolescent brain science and best practices in youth development
- The initiative centers access to high-quality opportunities that spark new interests, skills and career awareness and exploration
- It relies on strong cross-sector partnerships to make supports for youth and their families more navigable, coordinated, and effective

**We are 1 of 7 cross-sector partnerships across the country invited to this opportunity**



# Phases of the Initiative



|                | DESIGN PHASE                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | PILOT PHASE                                                                                                                                                                                                     | FULL IMPLEMENTATION                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|----------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| YEAR           | 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2027                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2028-2031                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| PHASE OUTCOMES | Your partnership has engaged with youth, families, programs, and neighborhoods to align around a shared vision for youth development and a design for the pilot with a subset of youth within 1-2 prioritized geographic areas. | Your partnership has 1) implemented a pilot with a subset of youth who have not typically been well served, and 2) has integrated lessons from the pilot into a long-term Strategic Plan for Youth Development. | Your partnership has 1) made progress toward your youth development Strategic Plan and vision, 2) reflected on what's working that you want to sustain over the long term, and 3) developed strategies to do so. |

Initial investment is a catalyst to set up systems, partnerships, and structures to transform and sustain the youth development system – to create a new status quo for every kid.

# Key Partners:

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Granite Park Jr. High



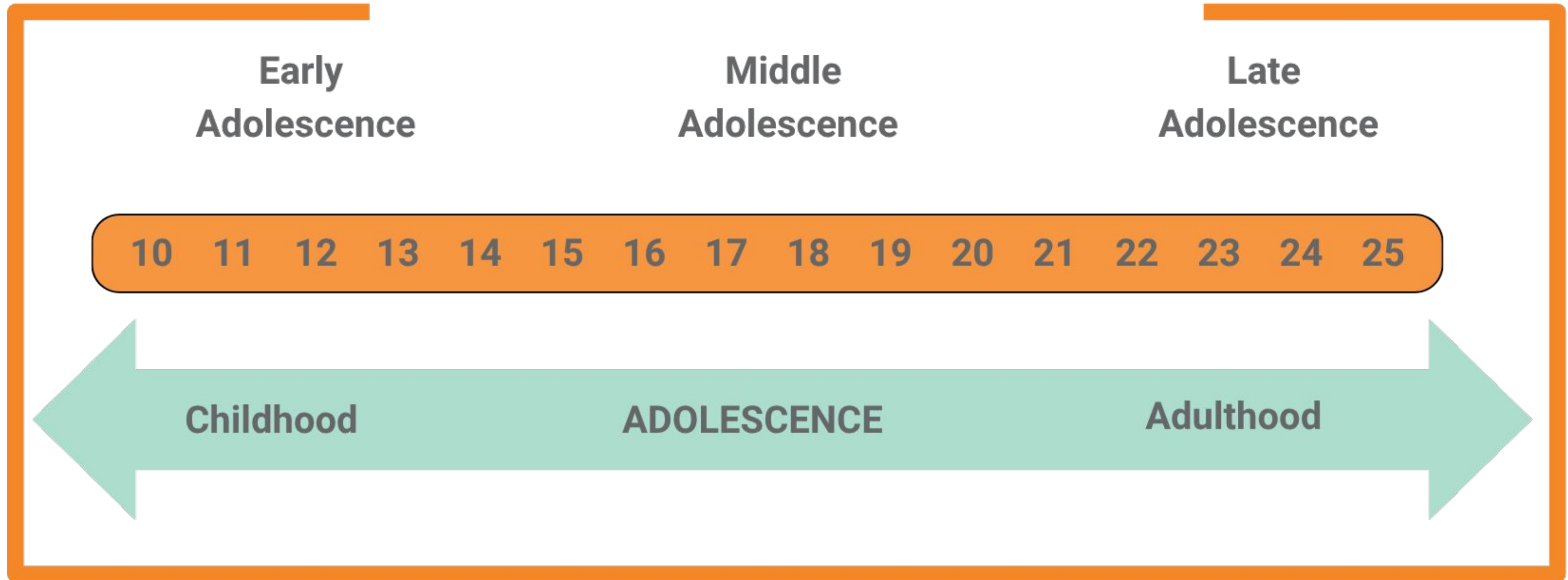
*Where Providing Community Support is the Key  
to Improving Student Outcomes*



**UTAH**  
Afterschool  
Network



# What is Adolescence?



Adapted from The Promise of Adolescence, NASEM. 2019, used in January 2026 presentation by Adrianna Galvan, PhD at the Advancing Opportunities for Adolescence Convening

# The Adolescent Brain

- Brain plasticity in youth is greater than in adulthood – it represents flexibility & possibility
- Its motivation & reward systems are more active - there is a bigger impact on activities involving exploration, learning, and relationships with others
- Is primed to learn from experience
- Is better than adults at learning associations
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Important to note:

- Social structures and systems can support or challenge positive adolescent development
- Cultural practices support development
- Discrimination & economic disadvantage impede health development

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# Developmental Needs during Adolescence

Experiences that support the connecting brain and help youth thrive



Exploring the world and testing  
out new ideas and experiences



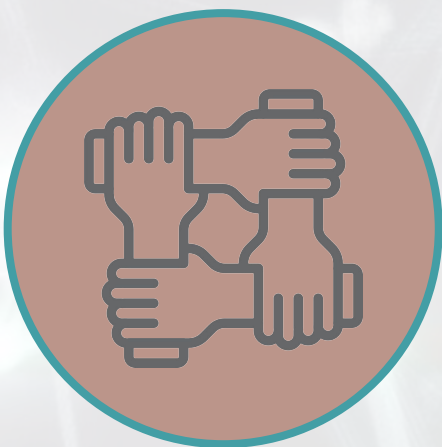
Building decision making and  
emotional regulation skills



Forming values, goals,  
and identity



Sufficient sleep to support  
mental and physical well being



Finding meaning and purpose  
through contribution



Support from parents and other  
caring adults



Finding respect among  
peers and adults

# Caring Adults Continue to Matter



Adults have impact - even though teens spend more time with friends.

Positive relationships with supportive adults look different than when we are younger.

Parents are important, but other adults and mentors can play a similar role and have a big impact.

# Adolescence are tuned into what earns respect and disrespect

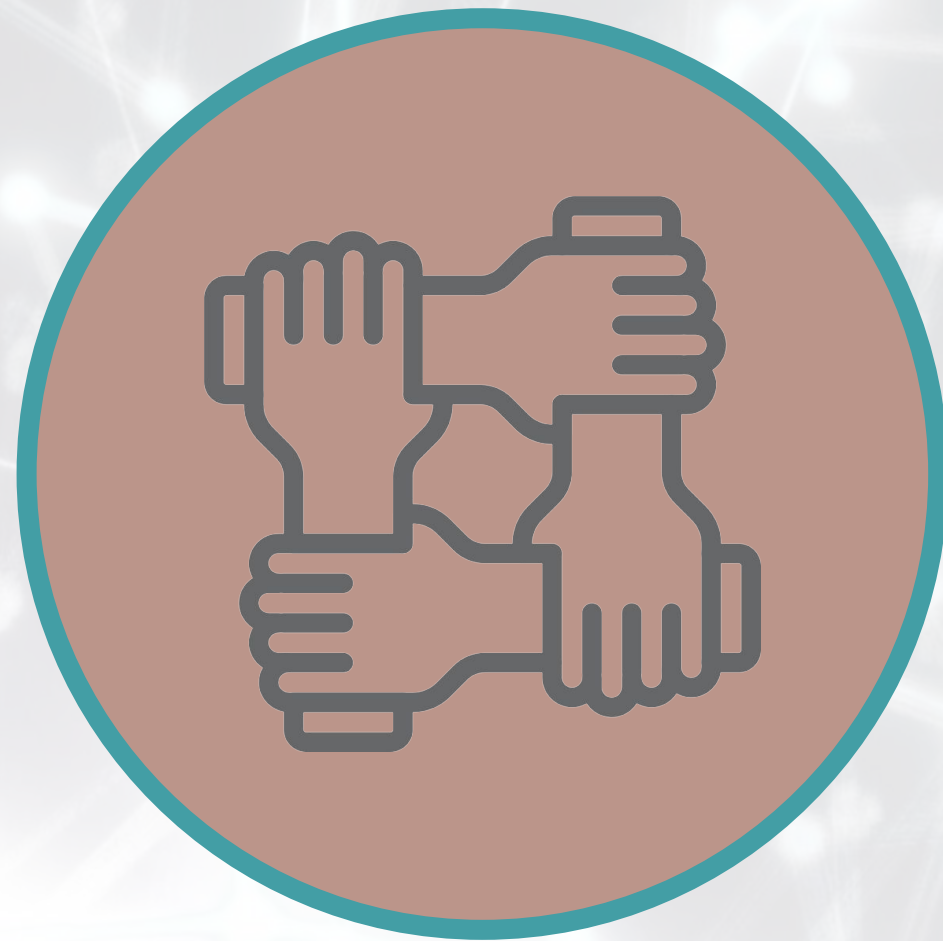


Adolescents need positive pathways to gain respect.

Experiences that make us feel disrespected are amplified during adolescence.

So, respect is a key element of what it means to be a caring adult for a teenager or young adult.

# Contributing to Others Aids Positive Psychological Development during Adolescence



## **Social Connection**

Acceptance among peers is increasingly based on kindness & contribution.

## **Meaning & Purpose**

Strongly related making contribution to other peers or community members.

## **Impact**

Having an impact helps support adolescents' sense of purpose of identity.

# What do we mean when we say "youth development?"

In afterschool and summer settings:

- Sports
- Community/ Rec Center
- Arts
- Extracurricular activities
- Summer Learning
- Faith-based activities
- Scouting and Mentoring
- Afterschool
- Youth Employment
- Clubs
- Service Programs
- Childcare



Deborah Moroney, PhD, American Institutes for Research from presentation at Advancing Opportunities for Adolescence Convening, January 2026

# Youth Development Tenets



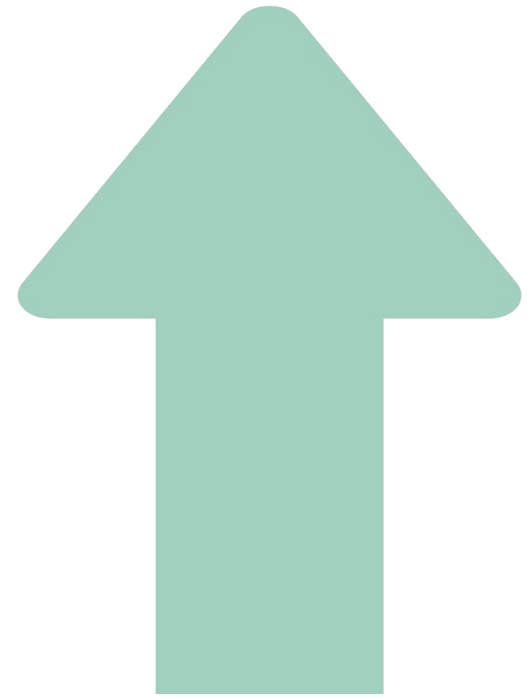
# Evidence from the Field - What Matters for Youth?

- Climate & belonging
- Supportive relationships
- Social contribution & youth voice
- Support for efficacy & mattering
- Opportunities for skill building
- Integration of family, school, and community
- Adoption of culturally sustaining practices & critical pedagogies

For adolescents in particular: career awareness, exploration, preparation, experience & employment are key

All of this only works if there is a sustained workforce to support high quality programming & the work is embedded in place-based coordinated supports and services

# Outcomes from positive youth development approaches in out-of-school time settings



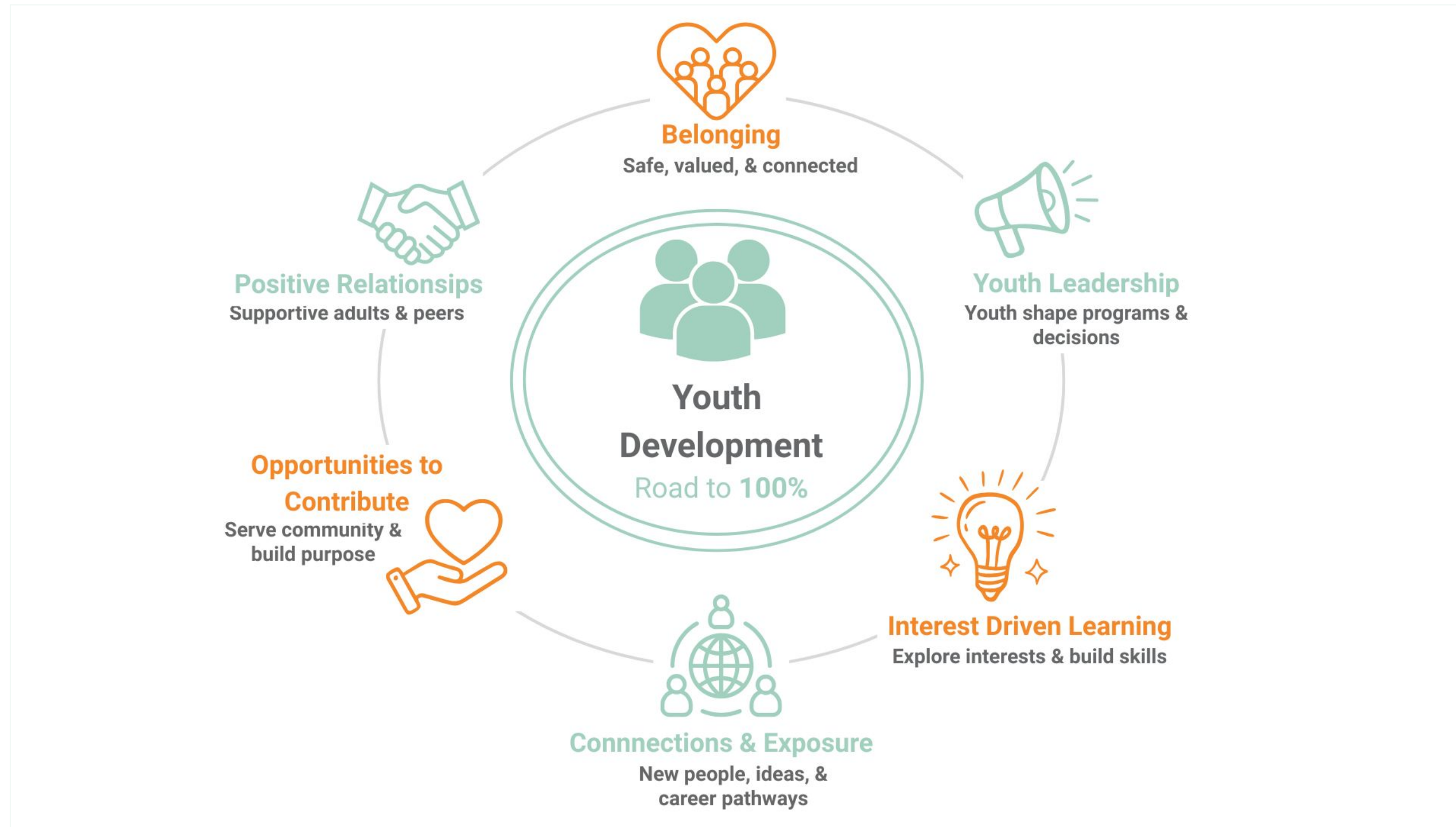
- School Attendance
- Academic Achievement
- Grade Promotion
- Positive Behaviors
- Persistence
- Responsibility
- Work Habits
- Self-Awareness



- Personal challenges (substance use disorder)
- Police involvement
- Social service involvement (housing, subsidies)

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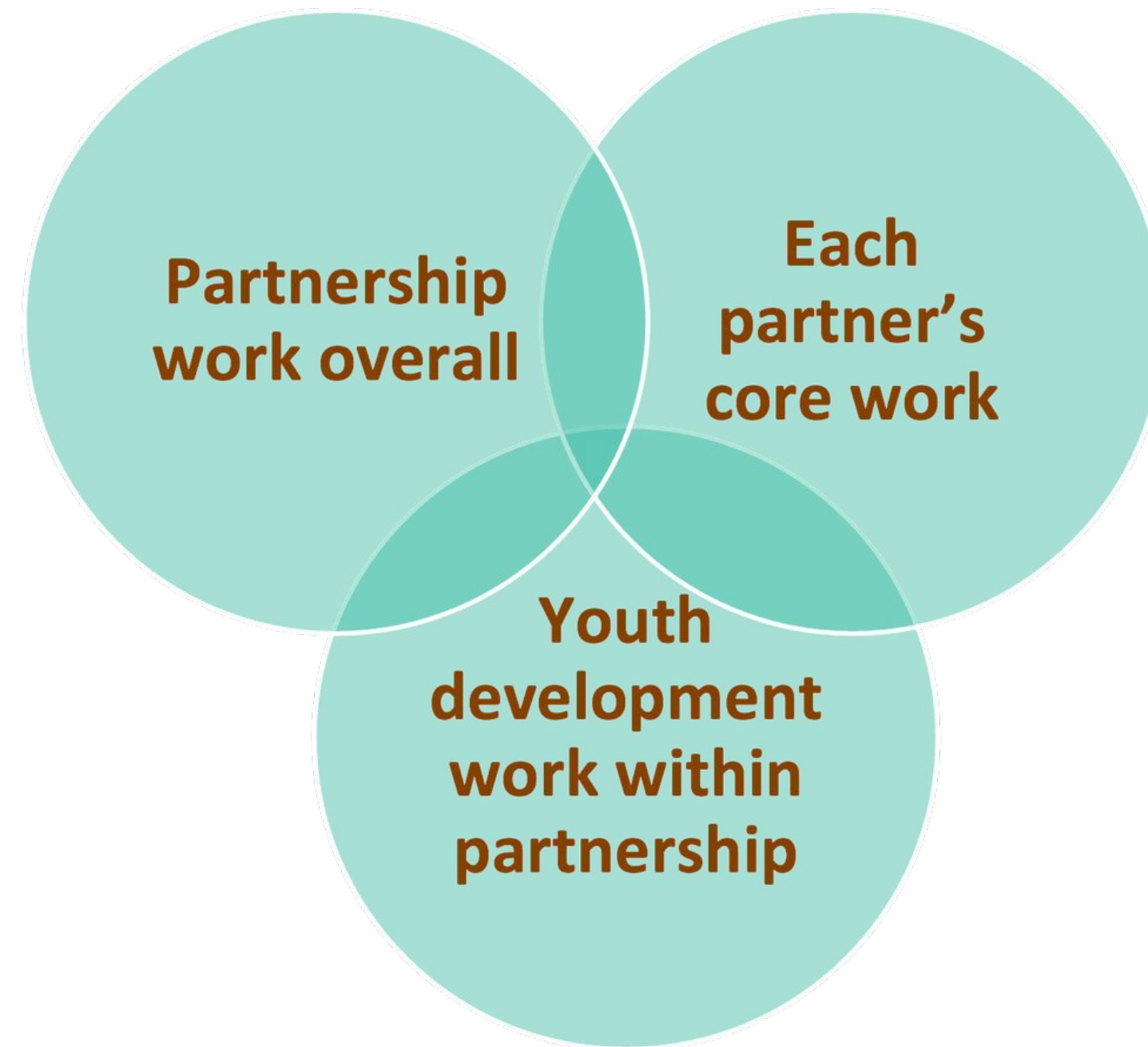
# Youth Development Principles



# Communicating for a Strong Start



# Shared Vision





#### AOA Planning Cohort

- Director and Deputy Director
- Learning Community, Monthly Planning Cohort

#### Digital Youth Network Community Landscaping

- The OST Places & Providers survey is administered to places that serve youth and families. Data helps to create a picture of the places, organizations, and supports that make up the youth opportunity landscape, including info about building resources, organizational goals and approaches, and connections between providers.
- The Youth OST Interest & Experience survey asks young people what they're into, about future aspirations, and how they spend their time. Data helps understand what young people care about and how they navigate opportunities. While this survey is one way to gather input from young people about their interests and experiences—a core part of the AOA design process—it is an optional tool. Its key questions can be used in other ways, including conversations with youth, and can be integrated into youth program assessments in future years.

#### American Institutes of Research

- Focus groups with Youth, Caregivers, and YD Providers
- Toured SSL and West Millcreek, attended SSL Cares Coalition

#### Change Impact (Professional Learning)

- Aligned Professional Learning
- Local Leader Cohort
- T4T in August

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# Catherine Taylor

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**Catherine Taylor**

South Salt Lake City, UT 84115

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## Skills

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Expertise in public policy analysis and legislative processes

Proficiency in grant writing, administration and evaluation

Effective communications with the public, governmental entities and constituents

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## Experience

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### State of Utah Department of Human Services (28 years)

1990-2018

**The latest position** was internal auditor-- conducted performance and compliance audits in the Department of Human Services.

**Prior position-** Regional Director/Public Information officer - supervised agency (Child Support) programs, conducted internal audits, responded to constituent complaints and requests for information (following HIPAA and GRAMA statutes). Wrote and evaluated agency policies related to confidentiality and information security, Wrote two (federal) 1115 grants to improve Child Support performance, one of which was fully funded. Special projects included outreach to women in the Utah State prison and hospital outreach to improve paternity establishment.

### **Legislative liaison** for Utah Department of Human Services 2005-2014

Identified, tracked and worked to coordinate a legislative response in the best interests of Human Service Programs.

Coordinated across the Department and with other executive branch entities.

### Health delivery and analysis/various positions in 20 years

- **House of Hope/ Director** (Residential SA treatment facility for women)
- **St. Benedict's Hospital-Alcohol and Drug Counselor**
- **Utah Department of Health/Program and Community Health Program Evaluator**
- **Medicaid Recovery Programs Director**

Positions have in common working with or providing expertise to analyze the conditions of populations at risk for or experiencing violence, poverty and social instability

## **Research Associateships and teaching**

- **Utah State University and University of California, Santa Barbara**

Taught undergraduate courses or lectured in: Deviance, Social Psychology, Juvenile Delinquency, Environmental Psychology, Sociology of Mental Illness, Women in American Society

## **Volunteer/Community Service Work**

USU Master Gardener since 2015

Utah Domestic Violence Advisory Council- former board member

Utah Coalition Against Sexual Assault-former board member

Salt Lake City Police Department Victim's Advocate-former position

Rape Crisis Center Crisis Response Team

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## **Education**

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### **USU Post graduate studies Rural Sociology**

### **UCSB Graduate studies (Phd program in Sociology)**

Completed coursework for PhD in sociology. Emphasis: sociolinguistics, ethnomethodology and Conversation Analysis. Did not complete a dissertation.

Coursework included a focus on social science statistics and methods of social research.

### **USU Bachelor of Arts**

Psychology sociology double major, certificate in women's studies. Spanish minor.

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RESOLUTION NO. R2026- 19

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE BELOW NAMED INDIVIDUALS TO PERFORM ALL NECESSARY FUNCTIONS RELATING TO THE CITY'S FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS, INCLUDING THE UTAH PUBLIC TREASURERS' INVESTMENT FUND ACCOUNTS, FOR THE CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE.**

WHEREAS, Utah Code § 10-3b-202 grants authority in the Mayor of the City to appoint a budget officer and each department head and statutory officer of the municipality subject to budget constraints and with the council's advice and consent; and

WHEREAS, South Salt Lake City municipal code 2.04.030(G) further authorizes the Mayor of the City to appoint, with advice and consent of the City Council, a qualified person to serve as the Director of Finance; and

WHEREAS, South Salt Lake City municipal code 2.08.060(D) requires the Council to consider and, where appropriate, give its advice and consent to the Mayor on a proposed appointment of a city officer; and

WHEREAS, the Uniform Fiscal Procedures Act (the "Act"), Utah Code § 10-6-101 et seq., provides qualification requirements for a Budget Officer; and

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2026, the South Salt Lake City Council (the "Council") gave their advice and consent regarding the appointment by the Mayor of Stewart Okobia as the Finance Director for the City of South Salt Lake (the "City"); and

WHEREAS, Stewart Okobia as the City's appointed Director of Finance and Budget Officer has the responsibility to ensure the City's accounts and finances, including its PTIF investments, are handled in the most appropriate and responsible way possible and therefore needs access to add or delete users to access and/or transact with PTIF accounts and related bank accounts tied to PTIF accounts and to execute any necessary forms in connections with the above; and

WHEREAS, Joy Manwiller, as Deputy Director of Finance, and Charmaine Peck, as Treasurer for the City also have the financial responsibilities outlined above; and

WHEREAS, after careful consideration, the Council has considered the impact this resolution may have on family health, stability, and formation, and determined by majority vote that it is in the best interests of the residents of the City of South Salt Lake to give Stewart Okobia, Joy Manwiller, and Charmaine Peck authorization to manage PTIF accounts and all accounts on behalf of the City.

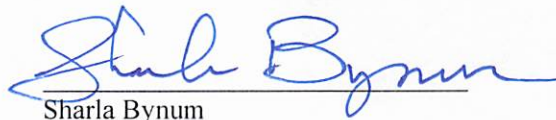
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of The City of South Salt Lake:

1. That the City Council hereby authorizes Stewart Okobia, Joy Manwiller, and Charmaine Peck to:
  - a. Add or delete users to access and/or transact with the City's PTIF accounts;
  - b. To add, delete, or make changes to bank accounts tied to the City's PTIF accounts;

- c. To open or close PTIF accounts on behalf of the City; and
  - d. To execute any necessary forms in connection with such changes on behalf of the City until written revocation from the Mayor of South Salt Lake is delivered to the Office of the State Treasurer.
2. That Stewart Okobia as Director of Finance and Budget Officer for the City has authority to manage all financial accounts of the City and related documents necessary to the performance of his duties as Director of Finance and Budget Officer during the time he is acting as the appointed Director of Finance and Budget Officer for the City of South Salt Lake and until written revocation from the Mayor of South Salt Lake is delivered to the Office of the State Treasurer or any other relevant financial institution; and
3. That this Resolution shall take effect immediately.

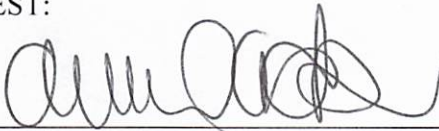
DATED this 20th day of July, 2026.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:



Sharla Bynum  
Council Chair

ATTEST:



Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

City Council Vote as Recorded:

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|----------|---------------|
| Bynum    | <u>yes</u>    |
| deWolfe  | <u>yes</u>    |
| Mitchell | <u>absent</u> |
| Thomas   | <u>yes</u>    |
| Williams | <u>yes</u>    |
| Glad     | <u>yes</u>    |
| Jones    | <u>yes</u>    |

