

PAYSON CITY  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD MEETING  
Payson City Building, DRC Room 439 Utah Ave., Payson Utah  
Wednesday, July 8, 2026, 7:30 a.m.

CONDUCTING                Brian Hulet, Economic Development Director

MEMBERS PRESENT    William R. Wright, Mayor  
                                 Brian Hulet, Economic Development Director  
                                 Jim Rowland, Payson Santaquin Chamber of Commerce  
                                 Kris Phillips, Business Owner  
                                 Lindsey Hughes, Nebo School District  
                                 Mark Kershaw, Resident  
                                 Joseph Hansen, Business Owner  
                                 Sean Pickup, Business Owner  
                                 Kevin Johnson, Mountain View Hospital  
                                 Larry Skinner, Resident  
                                 Ty Jones, Business Owner  
                                 Kirk Beecher, Planning Commission Chair

STAFF                        Dave Tuckett, City Manager  
                                 Robert Mills, Assistant City Manager  
                                 Jill Spencer, Development Services Director

OTHERS                    Kirk Beecher, Planning Commission  
                                 Lacee Smith, City Council  
                                 Utah Inland Port Authority

1. Call to Order

Brian Hulet called this meeting of the Economic Development Board of Payson City, Utah, to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting was properly noticed.

2. Prior Minutes Approval

**MOTION: Robert Mills – To approve the June 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes.** Motion seconded by Larry Skinner. Those voting yes: Mayor Wright, Brian Hulet, Jim Rowland, Kris Phillips, Lindsey Hughes, Mark Kershaw, Joseph Hansen, Sean Pickup, Kevin Johnson.

3. Retail Strategies

Brian reported that the city has joined forces with Retail Strategies to work with businesses in the downtown area. With the group, Brian conducted a survey to discuss what retail businesses people would like to see coming into Payson. The group also discussed what retail businesses people are not interested in coming to Payson. Robert Mills asked the group what small businesses that may be impacted by larger retail businesses coming to the area. The group discussed small hardware stores and restaurants. The group also discussed how larger businesses

may compliment smaller businesses and work well together. Along with large restaurants, members of the committee agreed that more small businesses like cafes and diners would always be welcome.

#### 4. Committee Reports, Assignments and Goals

Golf Event Committee –

Kris Phillips reported on upcoming meetings to discuss the annual golf event. She indicated that many of the same sponsors return to the event each year.

Strategic Plan, Website, Messaging Committee –

Kirk Beecher reported that his group has gone over the previous Strategic Plan and is working on an updated plan.

Business Retention Committee –

Robert Mills indicated that a Taste of Payson networking event will be held in the coming weeks. Over 300 invitations were sent to business owners in the community. The event offers ways for businesses to network and come together.

UVU/MTech Committee-

Mark Kershaw stated that he has met with David Rowley at the Payson Innovation Center and discussed needs for internships there. Mark stated education partners would like to introduce students to possible internships at the center. He stated a survey went out to ask if local businesses are interested in working with the committee. The committee will work with the Chamber of Commerce on a luncheon in September.

Downtown Committee –

Ty Jones discussed upcoming events that will be held in Downtown Payson.

Business Recruitment Committee –

Brian Hulet reported that multiple commercial businesses have shown interest in coming to Payson. The construction of the hotel is anticipated to begin in August.

#### 5. Discussion on Board Recommendations to City Council

Brian discussed with the group how the group could make recommendations to the City Council. Jim Rowland mentioned that if recommendations were to be made to the City Council, items would have to be considered in advance and items would need to be ready for council packets before the council agenda would be published. The mayor offered that the committee also make recommendations to the Planning Commission. Robert advised that the committee look at the city's General Plan and smaller plans for economic and commercial opportunities and zoning so that when items come to the City Council both the council and the Economic Development Board are confident that they are on the same page. Board members discussed how to contribute to items before the City Council and/or Planning Commission without interfering with application processes.

#### 6. Report on Things Happening in Payson (addressed in Committee Reports)

7. Report From the City (not addressed)

8. Other (not addressed)

9. Adjournment

Mayor Wright motioned to adjourn the meeting. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 a.m.