

Utah Lake Authority

Governing Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Sept. 24, 2026

Time: 9 AM

Location: Provo City Council Chambers & via Zoom

1. Welcome and Call to Order

Presiding Board Member: Carolyn Lundberg

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In-Person Board Members Present

- Mayor Brad Frost, American Fork
- Mayor Carolyn Lundberg, Lindon
- Ben Stireman, DNR
- Sen. Brady Brammer, Utah Senate
- Mayor Marsha Judkins, Provo
- Mayor Karen McCandless, Orem
- Commissioner Skyler Beltran, Utah County
- Rep. Lisa Shepherd, Utah House of Representatives
- Candice Hasenyager, DWQ

Online Board Members Present

- Mayor Paul Binns, Lehi
- Kamron Dalton, GOEO Utah
- Hillary Hungerford, UVU

Absent Board Members

- Curtis Blair, Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce
- Audrey Barton, Saratoga Springs
- Mayor Zack Stratton, Vineyard

2. Chair and Board Members' Reports/Disclosures/Recusals

None

3. Public Comments

None

4. Guest Presentations

Utah Lake 11 Master Plans Presentation and Discussion - Sam Taylor, Landmark Design

- The project aims to create a roadmap with concept plans, cost estimations, and implementation measures to address facility needs and population growth.
- The planning process included an on-site assessment, benchmarking against other state parks, and significant public engagement via surveys and focus groups.
- The presentation highlighted that many sites currently lack formal master plans and require improvements to accommodate increased visitation.

Utah Lake Lake-wide Signage Plan Presentation - Sam Taylor, Landmark Design

- Landmark Design presented three distinct development concepts for Utah Lake State Park to improve marina capacity and camping options.
- Concept one focuses on creating a central hub near the visitor center with an ice rink, concessions, and reconfigured parking.
- Concept two suggests dispersing amenities around the marina and adding a floating obstacle course in the outer basin.
- Concept three proposes a more aggressive reconfiguration of the marina to maximize slip efficiency and relocating the maintenance yard.

5. Consent Items

Motion: Approve minutes from the July ULA Board Meeting

Comments: Carolyn Lundberg added a change to note she was absent from the July ULA meeting.

Motion made by: Karen McCandless

Seconded by: Brady Brammer

Motion passed unanimously

6. Staff and Committee Reports

Executive Director Report - Luke Peterson

- Several projects are still pending the release of federal funds, which are expected to come in October.
- A proposal for \$1.5 million has been submitted to the County Tourism Tax Advisory Board for the Nature Center.
- Luke Peterson is working with Rep. Stephanie Gricius to create a tax donation checkbox for a Great Salt Lake Conservation Fund. This fund would allow for cohesive watershed management by distributing resources among the Great Salt Lake, Jordan River, and Utah Lake authorities.
- The ULA will be moving office buildings in October. They will move from the Utah County Historic Courthouse to the Taylor Bros. Building.

Federal Projects Report - Lance Merrell

- Lance Merrell reiterated that many federal projects are waiting for the release of federal funding.
- He has been working with a company to map out the utilities at the Utah Lake State Park using ground-penetrating radar. This will help to modernize GIS systems.

Communications & Events Report - Kelly Cannon-O'Day

- Kelly Cannon-O'Day attended the 3CMA conference in Denver, CO earlier this month to learn more about government communications.
- The Utah Lake 5K is on Sept. 26. It will be at the Utah Lake State Park.
- The annual Utah Lake Symposium will be on Nov. 6-7 at Rocky Mountain University of Health Professions. Board members should expect a special invite in their email with details of how to get tickets for free.

Events & Programs Report - Heather McEwen

- Field Trip Days just concluded at Saratoga Springs Marina, which had 525 students and 8 teaching partners.
- The Utah Lake Scavenger Hunt was a success with two more teams than last year.
- The Photo Contest is still going and will end in October.
- The ULA is hosting multiple planting parties in September and October.
- The ULA will host a thank-you BBQ for ongoing volunteers.

Development Report - Shelby Kozak

- Shelby Kozak addressed some funding items that were brought up earlier in the meeting including the master plans, signage and the tax donations.
- ULA will host a corporate planting party with the Huntsman Cancer Institute.
- Invites have gone out for sponsors of the Utah Lake Symposium.

Conservation & Restoration Report - Alex Stosich

- Alex Stosich flew drones over 1,500 acres of shoreline for vegetation mapping. The results are being processed by FFSL and UofU. This will help with revegetation efforts.
- For the planting parties and UCC crews, roughly 100,000 native plants are being delivered and installed in September through November.
- Upcoming ULA board and FFSL sovereign lands staff planting event on Oct. 14.

Education & Programs Report - Courtney Thomas

- The Stormwater Coalition website redesign is in its final development stage.
- Field Trip Days were a success. They had new stations made by Courtney Thomas. More changes are to come.
- The “Utah Lake: Explore More” podcast is going well. Interviews are popular on social media.
- The Utah Lake “TIDES” program is getting started.

7. Adjournment

Motion made by: Marsha Judkins

Seconded by: Karen McCandless

Motion passes unanimously