

Pending Approval:

UTAH PASSENGER ROPEWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

September 14, 2026

UDOT Lester Wire conference room & Google Meets

Committee members at UDOT:	Rich Taxwood, Chairman, Ski Area Representative Russ Oberlander, Vice-chairman, Engineer Zach Doyle, Ski Area Representative
Committee members Google Meets:	Steve Thygerson, Public Representative Seth Wallace, U.S. Forest Service Representative
Committee members absent:	Patrick Cowley, UDOT ex-officio member Paul Johnston, Public Representative
Staff:	Brian Allen, UDOT
Others (Google Meets):	Brad Hansen, Utah Olympic Park Nick Dana, Park City Resort Danny McRae, Powder Mountain Jason Davis, Alta Troy Matthews, Deer Valley Gustavo Gonzalez, MCP Lee Fuhrken, Doppelmayr Paul Carter, Skytrac Mike Campanella, Doppelmayr Mike Deiparine, SCJ Alliance Seth Haddick, Wasatch Peaks Ranch Kiel Mapes, Doppelmayr Chris McCandless, Snowland Jeff Peterson, Iron Mountain Engineering Billy Beasley, Doppelmayr Jonathan Hoffmann, Doppelmayr

Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the July 27, 2026 meeting were reviewed.

Following the review Zach Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes and Russ Oberlander seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Qualified engineer applications: William Beasley, Jonathan Hoffmann, Michael Deiparine

The qualified engineer application for William Beasley was reviewed. Billy reviewed his experience for the committee. Following the discussion Steve Thygerson made a motion to approve the application for the design, construction, and ropeway inspection categories. Rich Taxwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The qualified engineer application for Jonathan Hoffmann was reviewed. Jonathan reviewed his experience for the committee. Following the discussion Zach Doyle made a motion to approve the application for the design and construction categories. Russ Oberlander seconded the motion. The motion passed.

The qualified engineer application for Michael Deiparine was reviewed. Mike reviewed his experience for the committee. Following the discussion Russ Oberlander made a motion to approve the application for the design, construction, and ropeway inspection categories. Seth Wallace seconded the motion. The motion passed.

III. Air space exception request: Wasatch Peaks Ranch, Village Gondola

An air space exception request for a proposed lodge at the top of the Village Gondola was reviewed. The encroachment is for a building canopy that will extend into the air space of the gondola adjacent to the top terminal. Seth Haddick with Wasatch Peaks Resort and Jeff Peterson with Iron Mountain Engineering reviewed the proposed project. The building's fire alarm system will be announced directly within the gondola operator station, the building will be protected by an automatic fire sprinkler system, and the structure will have an one hour fire rating.

Following the discussion Russ Oberlander made a motion to approve the air space exception request and Rich Taxwood seconded the motion. The motion passed.

IV. Forest Service, area, and manufacturer updates

The areas and lift manufacturers present gave a brief update on the recent activities.

V. Open Discussion / Questions

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 pm.