

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2026

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Curt Doman
Katie Eccles (Chair)
Amy Frampton
Kathi Garff
Christena Huntsman

Karen Marriott (via Zoom)
Steve Miller
Bassam Salem
Erica Stringham

EXCUSE

Randy Shumway (Vice Chair)

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Rachel Aho	Associate Vice President for Strategic Initiatives and Chief of Staff to the Vice President for Student Affairs
Kris Bosman	Chief Alumni Relations Officer
Sierra Canela	Director for Student Governance and Leadership
Bob Carter	Executive Vice President, Health Sciences, and CEO, University of Utah Health
Troy D'Ambrosio	Chief of Staff, President's Office, and Vice President, Innovation
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Office
Charmell Green	Deputy Athletic Director and Chief Operating Officer
Sean Grube	Associate Vice President, Housing and Dining Programs
Chase Hagood	Vice Provost for Student Success
Mark Harlan	Athletic Director
Jeff Herring	Chief Human Resources Officer
Jake Johanson	Interim Chief Information Officer
Ischa Jensen	Associate Executive Director, System Planning, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Lori Kaczka	Executive Director, Facilities and Capital Projects
Teresa Kehl	Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the First Lady, President's Office
Heather King	Associate Director, PR/Communications
Paul Kohn	Sr. Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment and Student Success
Jeff Labrum	Chief Operating Officer
Laura Marks	Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs
Alexis Matthews	Community Engagement Specialist, Marketing and Communications
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Gary McArthur	Enterprise Chief Financial Officer
Allie Menzdorf	President, Staff Council
Brent Milne	President, Academic Senate
Mitzi Montoya	Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs
Robert C. Muir	Associate Vice President, Debt and Asset Management
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Charlton Park	CFO and CAO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Dave Patel	Managing Director, Strategic Economic Partnerships
Rob Patton	Executive Communications Manager

Annalisa Purser	Director of Board Governance, Policy and Operations
Jason Ramirez	Associate Vice President, Student Affairs, and Dean of Students
Erin Rothwell	Vice President, Research
Jim Russell	Chief Facilities Officer
Danielle Sample	Chief of Staff, CEO University of Utah Health
Collin Simmons	Executive Director, Auxiliary Services
Laura Snow	Interim Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Michelle Thompson	Manager, Office of Student Experience
Peter Trapa	Vice Provost and Senior Dean of the Colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Phyllis Vetter	General Counsel and Vice President
Rebecca Walsh	Director, Public Relations & Communications
Kathy Wilets	System Chief Communications Officer, University of Utah Health
Bryce Williams	President-Elect, Staff Council
Marie Wintriss	Past President, University of Utah Staff Council
Heidi Woodbury	Vice President, Institutional Advancement

OTHERS

David Anderson	Chairman and CEO, University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation
Mark Siddoway	President, Cynosure Capital Management
Danny Wall	University Real Estate Partners
Students	

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Ballroom C. Chair Katie Eccles welcomed Trustees and others in attendance.

Chair Eccles excused Trustee Randy Shumway who was unable to attend.

Chair Eccles welcomed and introduced Amy Frampton as a new Trustee. Amy is the President of the Alumni Board of Governors. She is a marketing leader who has worked in senior roles across high-growth technology companies. She is the co-founder of Inflection Marketing, where she advises founders, CEOs, and other senior executives to translate customer insights into clearer positioning, stronger messaging, and more effective go-to-market strategies.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the June 10th Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Capital Facilities Projects (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Investment Reports (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Investment Reports: Endowment (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – New Minor – Materials Science and Engineering (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – New Minor – Urban Design (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Discontinue Certificate – Advanced Substance Use Disorder Treatment Training (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – Department Name Change – Civil, Environmental, and Nuclear Engineering (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Name Change – Urban Ecology and Planning (BA/BS, Minor, and Combined BA/BS+Master's Degree (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Program Change – Nuclear Engineering Minor (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – Revise Policy – Policy 3-030 – University Travel (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Revise Policy – Policy 6-101 – Undergraduate Study and Degrees (Appendix XIII)

Motion to approve the items on the General Consent agenda by Kathi Garff, second by Steve Miller. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Amy Frampton, Kathi Garff, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Bassam Salem, Erica Stringham

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and can be found online with each agenda item or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Additional Elevators at Rice-Eccles Stadium

Jeff Labrum, Chief Operating Officer, presented the proposed addition of four elevators at Rice-Eccles Stadium. The project would add two elevators to the southwest tower and two elevators to the northwest tower – doubling existing capacity. The additional elevators are intended to reduce congestion, improve patron access, and provide dedicated service for back-of-house operations, which currently shares elevators with patrons. The improvements are expected to enhance the overall fan experience and stadium operations. The stadium is used for football, as well as social, educational, and other events.

The total project cost is estimated at \$20,935,429, including \$17,052,449 in construction costs and \$3,882,980 in soft costs. The project will be fully funded with existing Auxiliary Services funds. Design is anticipated to begin in September 2026, with estimated project completion in August 2027.

Members of the Board of Trustees asked questions prior to the motion to approve.

Motion to authorize the elevator addition project as presented provided the final project design is reviewed and approved by the Board's Campus Master Planning Committee prior to the commencement of construction by Bassam Salem second by Steve Miller. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Amy Frampton, Kathi Garff, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Bassam Salem, Erica Stringham

Supporting materials are included in Appendix XIV and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Action: 3.02 – University Budget

Chair Eccles noted that in the last legislative session, the State Legislature passed a new requirement for the Board of Trustees to approve the University's annual budget. She stated that the Board has long held delegated authority over the U Hospitals and Clinics budget but would now also be responsible for approving the institutional budget.

Chair Eccles reminded the Board that it heard presentations from both the Hospitals and Clinics and ARUP in June. Before turning the time over to Enterprise Chief Financial Officer Gary McArthur, Chair Eccles noted that the CFO and his team presented the budget to the Board's Budget and Finance Committee, along with small group presentations to other Trustees in preparation for today's vote.

CFO McArthur presented the proposed FY27 budget, which anticipates approximately \$10.6 billion in total revenue, compared with approximately \$10.2 billion in FY26. Operating revenue is budgeted at approximately \$10 billion, with state appropriations representing approximately 6% of University revenue. Salaries, wages, and benefits represent approximately 55% of total expenses and are the University's largest expense category. The consolidated enterprise budget projects approximately \$693 million in total income for FY27.

Members of the Board of Trustees asked questions prior to the motion to approve.

Motion to approve the University Budget by Curt Doman, second by Christena Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Amy Frampton, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Bassam Salem, Erica Stringham

Supporting materials are included as Appendix XV with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

Report: 5.01 – Foundation & OCIO Annual Presentation

Chair Eccles noted the University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation and the Outsourced Chief Investment Officer (OCIO) are required to annually present to the Board about the investments and current and past performance of the Endowment Pool.

David Anderson, CEO of University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation, and Mark Siddoway, President of Cynosure Capital Management, presented an update on the University's endowment.

In April 2025, the University appointed Cynosure Capital Management as the outsourced investment office for the endowment. Northern Trust was appointed as custodian in November 2025 to provide centralized

custody and reporting of the endowment's assets. By February 2026, historical information from prior service providers had been reconciled with Northern Trust's records, providing a consistent basis for reporting and greater confidence in the historical investment data.

Supporting materials are included as Appendix XVI with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

REPORTS

Report: 6:01 – Chair's Report

Chair Eccles highlighted the following:

- Fort Douglas Key Exchange was held on Saturday, August 8 – This ceremonial closing marked the historic relocation of military units and personnel and the transfer of the final 50 acres of active military land at Fort Douglas to the University, an effort spanning more than two decades.
- Utes Productions Grand Opening tomorrow, August 12, 10-11:30 a.m., northeast corner of LNCO building – New broadcast center for both Athletics and the Communications Department that will be used by Athletics, ESPN, and other networks to provide state-of-the-art facilities to broadcast events at the U while also providing a podcast room and areas for students to develop skills in broadcasting and production.
- Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine Building Dedication – Wednesday August 19, 11 a.m.
- Academic year begins Monday, August 24
- Reminder: Honorary degree nominations are open. Nominees should demonstrate distinction in professional achievement, public or community service, and/or meaningful engagement with the University. Nominations may be submitted online or through the Board's Honors Committee, chaired by Trustee Frampton.

Report: 6.02 – Administration Report

Chair Eccles referred Trustees to the President's written report in their folders and posted on online.

Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Bob Carter highlighted the following:

- [Vivek K. Reddy, MD, MMM](#), was named [chief health informatics officer](#), helping advance the health system's informatics strategy and the responsible use of technologies that improve care.
- [Josef Stehlik, MD, MPH](#), was named the [inaugural chief medical officer and executive director of the Solid Organ Transplant Care Line](#). The care line is the first of several being developed across the health system to create a more integrated, patient-centered model of care.
- The Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine building officially opens on Aug. 19 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony. The new building will help advance a new culture of learning with adaptive classrooms, advanced simulation center, gross anatomy lab, and gathering spaces.

- State funding for the [School of Dentistry's Mobile Dental Clinic](#) was renewed for FY27 in recognition of its success serving rural Utah. In FY26, the clinic completed 494 patient visits — including 206 restorations, 159 cleanings, and 48 extractions — for uninsured and underinsured residents across nine communities.

Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mitzi Montoya highlighted the following:

- The Marriott Library is kicking off the U's newest student support service, [Answer U](#). This will be a centralized service where students can get answers to any type of question.
- Over the summer, the EVPAA's Office launched the Compensation Project, which systematically analyzes and sets Academic Affairs faculty salaries to advance our research and teaching missions. The project aims to align tenure-line and career-line faculty salaries to our peer AAU salaries for each person's discipline and rank, calibrated for performance.
- The U has adopted an integrated scholarship platform called Scholarship Universe, which allows students to search and apply for scholarships they may qualify for in one place, including institutional and external scholarships.

The full administrative report is included as Appendix XVII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 6:03 – ASUU Report

The Board received a report from Student Body President/Trustee Erica Stringham summarizing preparations for the 2026-27 academic year. ASUU reported a continued focus on increasing student engagement and community-building. Trustee Stringham further reported that student advocacy remains a priority, with work to reestablish a permanent student lobbyist committee, as well as efforts to increase collaboration between institutions across the state to strengthen the student voice on shared issues, such as affordability, basic needs, and mental health.

Trustee Stringham also highlighted ASUU Joint Resolution 10, passed in spring 2026, in support of establishing the University of Utah as a sanctuary campus. She acknowledged and thanked the students in attendance who were present in support of the resolution for their continued engagement with ASUU and University leadership. The report emphasized the importance of considering student concerns related to supporting all students, regardless of documentation or immigration status, as future institutional decisions are considered.

Chair Eccles acknowledged Joint Resolution 10 and reaffirmed the Board's commitment to the success, safety, and sense of belonging of all students. She expressed appreciation for the students in attendance and for the work of ASUU student leaders in bringing forward student perspectives and advocating for the student experience. Chair Eccles noted that many of the matters addressed in the resolution involve state and federal law, as well as Utah Board of Higher Education policy, and therefore extend beyond the Board's delegated authority. She further reported that University administration had reviewed the resolution, consulted with the Utah System of Higher Education Commissioner's Office, and met with student representatives to better understand the concerns raised.

A copy of the ASUU report is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 6.04 – Alumni Relations Report

The Board received a report from U Alumni Board of Governors President/Trustee Frampton highlighting the U Alumni National Day of Service in May, upcoming Swoop Sprint on September 26, and the approaching deadline of September 4 for submitting nominations for the 2027 Founders Day awards.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XIX with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 6.05 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Brent Milne, president of the Academic Senate, introduced himself and referred Trustees to the Academic Senate's written report.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XX with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 6.06 – Staff Council Report

Allie Menzdorf, president of Staff Council, and Bryce Williams, president-elect of Staff Council introduced themselves. No written report was provided.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 7.01 – Graduate Council Review – School of Music

Information: 7.02 – Graduate Council Review – College of Social Work

Information: 7.03 – Graduate Council Review – Neuroscience

Information: 7.04 – Graduate Council Review – Physician Assistant Program

Information: 7.05 – Graduate Council Review – Oncological Sciences

Information: 7.06 – Graduate Council Review – Population Health Science

Information: 7.07 – Sponsored Projects Report

These reports are included as Appendices XXI - XXVII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Chair Eccles recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Curt Doman, second by Christena Huntsman Final Resolution:
Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Amy Frampton, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Karen Marriott, Steve Miller, Bassam Salem, Erica Stringham

At 10:08 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be October 13, 2026.

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 14 October 2026