



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES Wasatch Front Regional Council October 22, 2026

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

1. **Welcome & Consent Agenda (00:00:06)**

At 1:35pm, Chair Dawn Ramsey welcomed members, guests, and online participants to the Wasatch Front Regional Council meeting. Introductions were made around the room and online.

a. (00:06:41) ACTION: Chair Ramsey brought attention to the minutes of the Council meeting held August 27, 2026, and the financial reports and financial statements for July and August 2026, and entertained a motion for approval. Mayor Mark Shepherd made the motion to approve, and Councilmember Scott Wardle seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. **Chair Report (00:07:25)**

Chair Ramsey expressed gratitude and acknowledged outgoing members of the Council, thanking them for their dedicated leadership and service: Davis County Commissioner Bob Stevenson (serving since 2014, former Chair and current Vice Chair of the WFRC Council), Weber County Commissioner Gage Froerer (serving since 2023, Chair of WFEDD), Box Elder County Commissioner Lee Perry (serving since 2023), Salt Lake County Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton (serving since 2021, current Chair of WFRC Budget Committee), Davis County Commissioner Lorene Kamalu (serving since 2021, current Vice Chair of RGC), and Kaysville Mayor Tami Tran (current Chair of RGC). WFRC Executive Director Andrew Gruber also expressed deep appreciation on behalf of WFRC staff.

a. (00:15:12) WFRC Nominating Committee

Chair Ramsey appointed the Nominating Committee for the 2027-2028 Council officers, comprising one representative from each county: Councilmember Scott Wardle (Tooele County), Commissioner Mike Newton (Morgan County), Ogden City Mayor Ben Nadolski (Weber County), Layton City Mayor Joy Petro (Davis County, serving as Nominating Committee Chair), West Jordan Mayor Dirk Burton (Salt Lake County), and Commissioner Tyler Vincent (Box Elder County). The Council will vote on the nominated Chair and Vice Chair at the January 2027 meeting.

3. **Public Comment (00:17:24)**

(00:17:50) Chair Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. No comments were offered in person or online, and public comment was closed.

4. **Regional Growth Committee (RGC) (00:18:11)**

Mayor Kristie Overson presented the report on behalf of the Regional Growth Committee regarding items considered at the October 8, 2026 RGC meeting.

a. (00:18:37) ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification

Meg Padjen, WFRC, introduced the certification requests. Spencer Cawley, South Salt Lake, spoke regarding the Resolution of Impracticability for South Salt Lake's portion of the River Trail Trax Station Area. Councilmember Bob Bedore and Tayler Jensen, West Jordan, spoke regarding the Jordan Valley and Sugar Factory Road Station Area Plan. Additionally, Meg Padjen provided an update on the \$1.15M USDOT Build America Bureau grant awarded to WFRC for the Utah Station Area Accelerator. Mayor Kristie Overson moved to certify the River Trail Trax Resolution of Impracticability and the Jordan Valley and Sugar Factory Road Trax Station Area Plan. Mayor Tish Buroker seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

b. (00:30:30) ACTION: 2023-2050 RTP Amendment #5

Julie Bjornstad, WFRC, presented Amendment #5 to the 2023-2050 Regional Transportation Plan, which adds a new interchange on the West Davis Corridor at 1525 West in Farmington (\$20M estimated cost, funded with Transportation Investment Funds associated with the I-15 reconstruction project), along with Air Quality Conformity Memorandum #44. Representative Ariel Defay expressed enthusiastic support for the interchange. Mayor Kristie Overson moved to approve Amendment #5 to the 2023-2050 RTP and Air Quality Conformity Memorandum #44. Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

c. (00:38:28) Overview of Revenues and Needs for the DRAFT 2027-2055 RTP

Jory Johner, WFRC, presented an overview of projected revenues and anticipated transportation needs for the draft 2027-2055 Regional Transportation Plan. Across the WFRC region, estimated needs total approximately \$60 billion (~\$34B roadways, ~\$22B transit, ~\$4B active transportation), compared to projected revenues of approximately \$27 billion. WFRC Executive Director Andrew Gruber, Laura Hanson (GOPB), Mayor Gay Lynn Bennion, Mayor Monica Zoltanski, and Councilmember Scott Wardle added to the discussion around finding strategies to address funding gaps, including jobs-housing balance, system innovation, and active transportation investments. Jory Johner invited Council members to attend the ongoing Fall 2026 Wasatch Choice workshops to provide more input and feedback.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) (01:01:03)

Mayor Mark Shepherd introduced the Trans Com report and turned the time to Ben Wuthrich, WFRC.

a. (01:01:23) ACTION: Board modifications to 2027-2032 TIP

Ben Wuthrich, WFRC, presented the proposed board modifications to the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Mayor Mark Shepherd moved to adopt the resolution modifying the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program as presented. Mayor Monica Zoltanski seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. WFRC Budget Committee (01:05:28)

Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, Chair of the WFRC Budget Committee, introduced the budget and audit reports alongside Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer.

a. (01:25:34) PUBLIC HEARING and ACTION: Approve FY27 WFRC Budget Amendments

Marian Florence, WFRC, presented the proposed revisions to the FY27 WFRC budget, amending the total budget to \$15,300,000 to incorporate \$3,500,000 in unexpended funds rolled over from multi-year projects in FY26. Chair Ramsey opened the public hearing at 2:59pm (01:29:36). No public comments were received, and the public hearing was closed at 3:00pm (01:29:46). Councilmember Winder Newton moved to approve the FY27 budget amendments as proposed. Councilmember Scott Wardle seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. (01:30:59) ACTION: Acceptance of FY26 WFRC Audit Report

Marian Florence reported that independent auditors Larson & Company completed the FY26 financial audit and issued an unqualified opinion with no findings or questioned costs. Councilmember Winder Newton moved to accept the FY26 audit report. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

7. Reports (01:32:21)

a. (01:32:21) Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update

Commissioner Raelene Blocker reported on recent WFEDD activities, including EDA's renewal of the CEDS planning grant (\$210,000 over three years), UDOT's Advanced Air Mobility Toolkit presentation by Brian Kolicheck and Clint Harper, and the University of Utah Fintech Innovation Center presentation by Ryan Christensen highlighting fintech's \$1 billion economic wage impact in Utah.

b. (01:34:01) Executive Director's report

Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, highlighted upcoming Fall 2026 Wasatch Choice workshops, the Utah League of Cities and Towns Annual Conference, and the Utah Transportation Conference. Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director, provided details on the Utah Transportation Conference agenda and speakers. Andrew Gruber also noted the anticipated 2027 Council meeting schedule that was included in the meeting materials, and stated that calendar invitations for upcoming meetings will be sent in the coming weeks.

8. Other Business and Adjournment (01:38:42)

Chair Ramsey noted that the next WFRC Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 28, 2027 and called for a motion to adjourn. The motion was made by Carlos Braceras, UDOT and seconded by Mayor Ben Nadolski. The meeting adjourned at 3:19pm (01:39:20).

Wasatch Front Regional Council

2026 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				Ben Wood, City Weekly; Philip Grant, Jacobs
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner		Yes	Kaitlen Marousis, HDR; Carlton Christensen, Sandy
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner		Yes	Jeffrey Ramirez, Real Estate Essentials
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Barry McLaren, Senator Curtis's office
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor Layton		No	Val Potter, Senator Curtis's office
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor Clearfield		Yes	Holly Pearson, Salt Lake County
Member -	Tami Tran, Mayor Kaysville		No	Ryan Mecham, Sandy City; Ivan Marrero, FHWA
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair) Davis County		Yes	Jaron Robertson, UTA; Chandler Beutler, UTA
MORGAN COUNTY				Tayler Jensen, West Jordan; Eric Isom; Sherry Stevens
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner Morgan County		Yes	Spencer Cawley, South Salt Lake
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner Morgan County		Yes	Bob Bedore, West Jordan City Council
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Gay Lynn Bennion, Cottonwood Heights Mayor
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor Salt Lake County		No	Mick Sudbury, Magna Mayor,
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor Salt Lake City		No	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor South Jordan (Chair)		Yes	Sharon Bolos, Weber County Commissioner
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember Salt Lake County		Yes	John Crofts, Davis County Commissioner
Member -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor Herriman		Yes	Jeanne Groberg, Fruit Heights Mayor
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor Sandy		Yes	Dustin Gettel, Midvale Mayor
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor West Jordan		No	Rob Vanderwood, West Haven Mayor
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor Taylorsville		Yes	Janet Wampler, Ogden Valley City Mayor
TOOELE COUNTY				Roger Bourke, Alta Mayor
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember Tooele County		Yes	Cherie Wood, South Salt Lake Mayor
Alternate -	Maresa Manzione, Mayor Tooele City		Yes	Steve Gibson, Pleasant View Mayor
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Paul Fotheringham, Holladay Mayor
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner Weber County		No	Natalie Pinkney, Salt Lake County Council
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner Weber County		Yes	Tish Buroker, Riverton Mayor
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor Hooper		Yes	Cheri Jackson, Millcreek Mayor
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor Ogden		Yes	Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful Mayor
UDOT & UTA				Dave Maughan, Syracuse Mayor
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director UDOT		Yes	Laurie Stringham, Salt Lake County Council
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director UDOT		Yes	
Member -	Jay Fox, Trustee UTA		Yes	WFRC staff:
Alternate -	Nichol Bourdeaux, Trustee UTA		No	Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Bert Granberg,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS				Julie Bjornstad, Jory Johner, Miranda Jones Cox,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co. Commissioner		No	Wayne Bennion, Byron Head, Fariba Soltani,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor		No	Johnnae Nardone, Marian Florence, Christy Dahlberg,
Member -	Jason Brown, Executive Director Envision Utah		Yes	Meg Padjen, Pukar Bhandari, Paulo Aguilera,
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper		Yes	Bill Hereth, Josh Reynolds, Chris Day, Suzie Swim,
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay		Yes	Claire Peterson, Joa Navarro, Jordan Chandler,
Member -	Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator GOPB		Yes	Rosie Hernandez, Andrea Pearson