

25WRITTEN DETERMINATION 2021-01
Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. 52-4-207(4)

A. I, David Salazar, Chair of the Peace Officer's Merit Commission (POMC) for Salt Lake County and the Unified Police Department, do hereby determine conducting electronic meetings of the PMOC with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location and hereby authorize the Unified Police Department to conduct electronic meetings without an anchor location.

B. The foregoing determination is based on the following facts:

- Federal, state and local leaders, including the cities, townships, town and county comprising the members of the UPD, have all recognized a global pandemic caused by the spread of the COVID-19 virus.
- COVID-19 cases in Salt Lake County and member communities continue to increase at rates which pose a risk of overburdening the local health care system. The positive COVID19 test results has risen to over 33% of people tested on January 5, 2021, with a record breaking highest single day positive number of 4,672 on December 31, 2020
- It is difficult, if not impossible, to predict the number of attendees at any meeting and to manage issues regarding social distancing in order to comply with State Phased Guidelines.
- COVID-19 poses a continuing and immediate threat to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of member communities.
- The UPD has the technological capability to provide means by which the public may hear, or view and hear, the open portions of the meeting and to participate in public hearings.

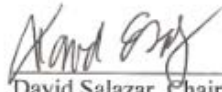
C. This written determination shall be included in the public notice of the Unified Police Department meetings and shall be read at the beginning of an electronic meeting held without an anchor location.

D. The public notice of any meeting conducted pursuant to this written determination shall include information on how members of the public may hear, or view and hear, or make a comment at the meeting.

E. This written determination shall take effect immediately and will expire thirty (30) days after the date written below or until revoked, whichever is earlier.

F. This written determination shall be filed with the Public Notice Website and maintained in the Offices of the Unified Police Department Administrative Offices

DATED this 6th day of January 2021.



David Salazar, Chair, PMOC

ATTEST:



Jason Ackerman, Acting Human Resource Director