



**Minutes of the Meeting  
of the  
Board of Trustees of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA)  
held at UTA FrontLines Headquarters located at  
669 West 200 South, Salt Lake City, Utah  
March 6, 2019**

**Board Members Present:**

Carlton Christensen, Chair (via telephone)  
Beth Holbrook, Acting Chair  
Kent Millington

**Board Members Excused/Not in Attendance:**

Also attending were members of UTA staff, as well as interested citizens and members of the media.

---

**Welcome and Call to Order.** Chair Christensen welcomed attendees and called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. with three board members present. Following Chair Christensen's opening remarks, the board and meeting attendees recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Safety Minute.** Chair Christensen yielded the floor to Sheldon Shaw, UTA Manager of Safety, for a brief safety message.

Following the safety message, Chair Christensen recognized employees who worked to get the Spike 150-wrapped bus to the Utah State Capitol for Transit Day on the Hill.

**Public Comment Period.** Public comment was given by Claudia Johnson. Ms. Johnson expressed appreciation to the board for the sponsored fare days on February 28 and March 1, 2019. She also requested the board simplify the terminology the agency uses to make it more public-friendly.

**Approval of February 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes.** A motion to approve the February 27, 2019 Board Meeting Minutes was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

**Agency Report.** Steve Meyer, UTA Interim Executive Director, thanked employees who worked behind the scenes to make the sponsored fare days happen.

**R2019-03-01 Authorizing Execution of the Interlocal Agreement Between Salt Lake County and the Utah Transit Authority for Free Fare Days.** Matt Sibul, UTA Government Relations Director, mentioned that partners sponsoring transit rides for the public on February 28 and March 1, 2019, included Salt Lake County, Salt Lake City, Davis County, and Intermountain Healthcare.

A motion to approve R2019-03-01 was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously with aye votes from Trustee Holbrook, Trustee Millington, and Chair Christensen.

#### **Discussion Items.**

**Government Relations Update.** Mr. Sibul reported that on March 5, 2019, the House Transportation Committee heard the transportation governance and funding bill (SB72). He then mentioned Senate Concurrent Resolution 10 (SCR10), which encourages transportation partnerships; HB441, which broadens the sales tax base; HB353, which includes several days of free transit fare to the public for improved air quality; and SB34, which addresses affordable housing modifications. Discussion ensued. A question on the status of SB72 was posed by the board and answered by Mr. Sibul. Chair Christensen suggested the board formally support SCR10, HB353, and SB34.

A motion to support SCR10, HB353, and SB34 was made by Trustee Holbrook and seconded by Trustee Millington. The motion carried unanimously.

**Central Wasatch Commission Presentation.** Ralph Becker, Chris McCandless, and Jesse Dean with the Central Wasatch Commission (CWC), and John Thomas with the Utah Department of Transportation, delivered a presentation. They spoke on topics including an overview of the CWC, membership, transportation functions of the commission, legislative appropriations for CWC-related work, environmental impact statements (EIS) for Big and Little Cottonwood canyons, partners in the decision making process for the canyons, and the Transportation Action Plan (TAP) being assembled by the CWC. Mr. Becker opined that the key to solutions in the canyons is transit. The objective of the TAP is to settle on a consensus of what the action plan should be in the canyons for the future. The CWC would like additional bus service in the canyons in the short term. Discussion ensued. Questions on the decision making responsibility for implementing plans, timing of EIS completion and recommendations, and aspects that may affect

other canyons along the Wasatch Front were posed by the board and answered by the presenters. Chair Christensen requested continued internal dialogue on this topic.

**Future of FrontRunner (Part 1 of 3).** Mr. Meyer provided an overview of the Central Wasatch Corridor Study, which is closely tied to the Future of FrontRunner initiative. Jeff Harris with the Utah Department of Transportation, recognized the partners involved in the study then delivered a presentation on the study area addressed; transportation challenges, goals, and person through-put in the corridor; and study scenarios. Discussion ensued. Questions on accounting for east-west movement, demographics impacted by decisions, and strategies for implementing congestion pricing were posed by the board and answered by Mr. Meyer and Mr. Harris.

Following the Future of FrontRunner discussion, Chair Christensen recessed the meeting for a short break at 10:33 a.m.

The meeting resumed at 10:44 a.m.

**Capital Projects 5-Year Plan Process.** Mary DeLoretto, UTA Director of Capital Projects, spoke about the capital project budget process, prioritization criteria, capital project request process, new capital development projects process, budget ranking process, and advisory board consultation requirements related to capital development. Discussion ensued. Questions on the proactivity of the process, tracking of unfunded projects, and project ranking criteria were posed by the board and answered by staff.

**Bus Stop Master Plan.** Laura Hanson, UTA Director of Planning, delivered a presentation on the Bus Stop Master Plan, including amenity levels, specific items incorporated in the plan (i.e., best practices, customer experience, standard designs), and bus stop improvement prioritization criteria. Discussion ensued. Questions on whether amenities have increased boardings, how the agency works with cities to leverage funding, and how the agency works with contractors to realize efficiencies in construction were posed by the board and answered by Ms. Hanson.

**Utah Compact.** Chair Christensen summarized the Utah Compact, which is a document establishing a framework of values for addressing immigration issues. The Salt Lake Chamber is requesting reaffirmation of the document.

A motion to support the Utah Compact was made by Trustee Millington and seconded by Trustee Holbrook. The motion carried unanimously.

**Other Business.**

**Next Meeting.** The next meeting of the board will be on Wednesday, March 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

**Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 a.m. by motion.

Transcribed by Cathie Griffiths  
Executive Assistant to the Board Chair  
Utah Transit Authority  
[cgriffiths@rideuta.com](mailto:cgriffiths@rideuta.com)  
801.237.1945

*This document is not intended to serve as a full transcript as additional discussion may have taken place; please refer to the meeting materials, audio, or video located at <https://www.utah.gov/pmn/sitemap/notice/519191.html> for entire content.*

*This document along with the digital recording constitute the official minutes of this meeting.*