



**Utah System of Higher Education  
Virtual Meeting  
Thursday, September 16, 2021**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Harris H. Simmons, chair  
Aaron Osmond, vice chair  
Nina R. Barnes, vice chair  
Jessellie B. Anderson  
Mike Angus  
Jera L. Bailey  
Stacey K. Bettridge  
Lisa Michele Church  
Wilford Clyde  
Sanchaita Datta  
Alan Hall  
Crystal Maggelet  
Tanner Marcum  
Arthur E. Newell  
Shawn Newell  
Scott Theurer

**Board Members Absent**

Patricia Jones  
Valirie Serawop

**Office of the Commissioner**

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel  
Rich Amon, Chief Financial Officer  
Trisha Dugovic, Director of Communication  
Malin Francis, Director of Facilities & Planning  
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education  
Jared Haines, Senior Advisor for Technical Education  
Melanie Heath, Assistant Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives  
Malissa Jones, Office Manager  
Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist  
Loreen Olney, Administrative Assistant  
Kim Ziebarth, Associate Commissioner of Technical Education

**Institutional Presidents Present**

Chad Campbell, Bridgerland Technical College  
Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University  
Clay Christensen, Mountainland Technical College  
Mindy Benson, Southern Utah University  
Paul Hacking, Tooele Technical College  
Astrid S. Tuminez, Utah Valley University  
Taylor Randall, University of Utah

Darin Brush, Davis Technical College  
Kelle Stephens, Dixie Technical College  
Brad J. Cook, Snow College  
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical College  
Aaron Weight, Uintah Basin Technical College  
Noelle Cockett, Utah State University  
Brad L. Mortensen, Weber State University

## Other Guests

Carson Howell, Vice President of Finances and Administrative Services, Snow College  
Robin Burr, Chief Facilities Officer, University of Utah  
Mark Halverson, Associate Vice President for Facilities and Campus Planning, Weber State University  
Richard Brown, Dean, College of Engineering, University of Utah  
Paul Morris, Vice President of Administrative Affairs, Dixie State University  
Holly Peterson, Vice President of Instruction, Mountainland Technical College  
Aaron Peterson, Board of Trustees Chair, Tooele Technical College

Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

## Committee of the Whole

### *Instructions for Capital Scoring (TAB A)*

Rich Amon gave introductory comments and instructions for capital scoring to the Board. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

### ***Degree Granting Institutions Presentations***

Presentations from the following degree granting institutions:

1. Utah Valley University – President Astrid Tuminez
2. Snow College – President Brad Cook
3. Utah State University – President Noelle Cockett
4. Southern Utah University – President Mindy Benson
5. University of Utah – President Taylor Randall and Richard Brown
6. Weber State University – President Brad Mortensen
7. Dixie State University – President Richard Williams

### *Finance and Facilities Committee Capital Tour Observations*

Board members Clyde, Angus, and Anderson shared observations from the Finance and Facilities Committee tours of the projects. Vice chair Barnes and Board member Bailey asked the Board to remember the students in rural Utah as they consider the asks. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

### *Board Scoring, Tabulation and Discussion*

Rich Amon explained the process of Board scoring and tabulation. This was a discussion item only; no action was taken.

### *Board Final Prioritization and Recommendations for Degree-Granting*

Rich Amon revealed the results of the scoring. Some Board members expressed concern that the weight of the Board criteria does not equal or exceed the criteria of the staff ranking. The Board agreed to revisit the scoring process in a future meeting for next year. **Board member Church made a motion to approve the following degree-granting capital facility requests as Board recommendations pursuant to the criteria and scoring they were asked to for legislative funding in priority order:**

1. **WSU – David O. McKay Education Building Renovation**
2. **USU – Animal Science Renovation**

3. **UVU – Engineering Building**
4. **DSU – General Classroom Building**
5. **SUU – Music Center Renovation**
6. **Snow – Center for Rural Studies and Community Development**
7. **UU – Interdisciplinary Computing Building**

**Vice chair Osmond seconded the motion with the amendment that the scoring rubric will go forward with the list of projects and the motion passed.**

### *Technical Education Institutions Presentations*

Presentations from the following technical education institutions:

1. Dixie Technical College – President Kelle Stephens
2. Davis Technical College – President Darin Brush
3. Mountainland Technical College – President Clay Christensen
4. Tooele Technical College – President Paul Hacking

### *Finance and Facilities Committee Capital Tour Observations*

Board members Angus and Clyde shared observations from the Finance and Facilities Committee tours of the projects. Vice chair Osmond informed the Board that prior to COVID-19 impacts, these projects had been prioritized with the U Tech Board for their consideration. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

### *Board Scoring, Tabulation and Discussion*

Rich Amon explained the process of Board scoring and tabulation. This was an information item only; no action was taken.

### *Board Final Prioritization and Recommendations for Technical Colleges*

Rich Amon revealed the results of the scoring. Some Board members expressed concern that under the scoring rubric rural institutions are negatively impacted. The Board agreed to revisit the scoring process in a future meeting for next year. **Board member Datta made a motion to approve the following technical college capital facility requests as Board recommendations for legislative funding in priority order:**

1. **Mountainland Technical College – Payson Campus**
2. **Davis Technical College – Campus Renovations/Program Expansion**
3. **Tooele Technical College – Tech Building Expansion**
4. **Dixie Technical College – New Classroom**

**Board member Theurer seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

### *Land Bank Requests Presentation*

A presentation from the following institution:

1. Bridgerland Technical College – President Chad Campbell

### *Board Recommendations for Land Bank Requests*

**Board member Theurer made a motion to approve the following land bank request as a Board recommendation for legislative funding:**

1. **Bridgerland Technical College**

**Board member Clyde seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

*Motion to Adjourn*

**Board member Datta made a motion to adjourn; Board member Arthur Newell seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: November 19, 2021