



**Utah System of Higher Education  
Virtual Meeting  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Harris H. Simmons, Chair  
Nina R. Barnes, Vice Chair  
Aaron Osmond, Vice Chair  
Jesselie B. Anderson  
Mike Angus  
Jera L. Bailey  
Stacey Bettridge  
Lisa Michele Church  
Wilford W. Clyde  
Sanchaita Datta  
Alan E. Hall  
Patricia Jones  
Arthur E. Newell  
Shawn Newell  
Tanner Marcum  
Crystal Maggelet  
Valirie Serawop  
Scott Theurer

**Board Members Absent**

**Office of the Commissioner**

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel  
Trisha Dugovic, Director of Communication  
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education  
Jared Haines, Senior Advisor for Technical Education  
Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic 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**

Richard B. Williams, Dixie State University  
Clay Christensen, Mountainland Technical College  
Deneece G. Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College  
Mindy Benson, Southern Utah University

Astrid S. Tuminez, Utah Valley University  
Brad J. Cook, Snow College  
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical College

**Dixie State University Board of Trustees Present**

Tiffany Wilson, Chair  
Colleen Kvetko, Vice Chair  
Betty Barnum

Larry Bergeson  
Ginger Chinn  
David Elkington  
Danny Ipson  
Deven Macdonald  
Penny Mills  
Kelli Prince

**Others present**

Julie Beck – Chair, Dixie State University Name Recommendation Committee  
Jordon Sharp – DSU Vice President of Marketing & Communication  
Cory O’Bray – DSU Student Government, VP of Marketing  
Deven Osborne – DSU student-athlete, member of Name Recommendation Committee  
Anilee Bundy Adams – DSU Assistant Director of Student Involvement & Leadership  
Stephanie Carter – Vice President of Public Affairs & Student Advancement, Uintah Basin Technical College  
Katie Webb Sanders – DSU Student Government  
Abbie Scherzinger – DSU Student Body Chief of Staff  
Karlee Myers – DSU Student Involvement Specialist  
Guillem Parra – DSU student  
Luke Kerouac – DSU Director of Student Involvement & Leadership

**Committee of the Whole**

Chair Simmons called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

*Dixie State Naming*

Julie Beck, chair of the Dixie State University Name Recommendation Committee, presented the chair report to the Board members. She discussed the process and results of the committee’s research. Board member Marcum read a letter from the student leaders at Dixie State University which supported the new name recommendation. Members of the Dixie State University Board of Trustees made comments in support of the new name recommendation. Board member Bettridge expressed concern about losing the community’s support if the name were to be changed. Board members Jones, Hall, Shawn Newell, and Arthur Newell gave support of the name change. Board member Theurer agreed the name should be changed but does not support the proposed name.

Geoffrey Landward reviewed the Board’s statutory obligation.

**Board member Patricia Jones made a motion to approve and recommend the name of Utah Tech University to the Utah State Legislature; Board member Bailey seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

**Board member Arthur Newell made the motion to adjourn the meeting; Board member Barnes seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.



Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: November 19, 2021