



**Utah Board of Higher Education  
Southern Utah University  
Friday, July 15, 2022**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Lisa-Michele Church, chair  
Jessellie Anderson, vice chair  
Stan Albrecht  
Julie Beck  
Stacey Bettridge  
Rich Christiansen  
Heather Johnson  
Patricia Jones  
Arthur Newell  
Steve Starks  
Scott Theurer  
Xitlalli Villanueva  
Rick Wheeler

**Board Members Absent**

Grace Acosta  
Sanchaita Datta  
Hope Eccles  
Shawn Newell

**Office of the Commissioner**

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner and General Counsel  
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education  
Melissa Van Hien, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

**Southern Utah University Board of Trustees**

Jodi Hart Wilson, chair  
Eric Schmutz, vice chair  
Michelle Eyre

**Other Attendees**

Members of the Southern Utah University and Cedar City community

Vice Chair Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

**Committee of the Whole**

Vice Chair Anderson welcomed those in attendance and thanked members of the presidential search committee for their efforts. Southern Utah Board of Trustees Chair Jodi Hart Wilson provided some brief remarks. Vice Chair Anderson called for a motion. **Board member Stacey Bettridge made a motion to appoint Mindy Benson as president of Southern Utah University. Board member Christiansen seconded the motion and the motion passed.** Vice Chair Anderson introduced President Benson and welcomed her to give remarks. President Benson addressed the group and expressed her appreciation and excitement.

**Chair Church made a motion to end closed session. Board member Theurer seconded the motion and the motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.



Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: September 16, 2022