



**Utah Board of Higher Education
Utah State University
Friday, May 19, 2023**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

Lisa-Michele Church, Chair
Jessalie Anderson, Vice Chair
Grace Acosta
Stan Albrecht
Julie Beck
Stacey Bettridge
Rich Christiansen
Hope Eccles
Korianne Gibson
Patricia Jones
Arthur Newell
Shawn Newell (absent for Committee of the Whole at 4:30 p.m.)
Steve Starks
Scott Theurer
Xitlalli Villanueva
Rick Wheeler

Board Members Absent

Sanchaita Datta

Office of the Commissioner

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner
Nate Talley, Deputy Commissioner and CFO
Taylor Adams, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives
Alison Adams-Perlac, General Counsel
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education
Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education
Katie Mazzie, Director of Student-Centered Initiatives
Hilary Renshaw, Associate General Council

Utah State University Board of Trustees

Kent Alder, Chair
Gina Gagon
David Huntsman
David Petersen

Public USU Presidential Candidates

Chair Church called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Chair Church reviewed the closed session motions from the Board meetings on May 18, 2023, at Utah State University and Bridgerland Technical College.

Board member Shawn moved to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Board member Acosta seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Closed Session

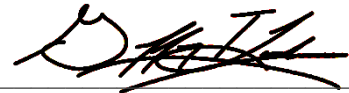
Board member Acosta made a motion to end closed session. Board member Eccles seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Committee of the Whole

Chair Church welcomed those in attendance and provided brief comments. She addressed the presidential search process and thanked the presidential search committee members for their efforts. **Board member Wheeler moved to appoint Elizabeth “Beth”¹ Cantwell to be the next president of Utah State University. Board member Acosta seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.** Utah State University Board of Trustees Chair Kent Alder provided some brief remarks. Chair Church introduced Dr. Cantwell, and Dr. Cantwell addressed the group and expressed her appreciation and excitement.

Board member Acosta moved to adjourn. Board member Starks seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.



Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: June 30, 2023

¹ In the June 30, 2023, Executive Committee Meeting, the Committee approved the minutes with a clarification that the USU presidential choice is Elizabeth “Betsy” Cantwell.