



**Utah Board of Higher Education  
Virtual Conference via Zoom  
Friday, September 8, 2023**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Javier Chavez, Jr.  
Jon Cox  
Amanda Covington  
Danny Ipson  
Tina Marriott Larson  
Steve Neeleman  
Holly Talbot

**Board Members Absent**

Sharon Eubank  
Aaron Skonnard  
Cydni Tetro

**Office of the Commissioner**

Geoff Landward, Deputy Commissioner and Government Relations Director  
Nate Talley, Deputy Commissioner and CFO  
Alison Adams-Perlac, General Counsel  
Trisha Dugovic, Director of Communication  
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education  
Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education  
Vic Hockett, Associate Commissioner of Talent Ready Utah  
Lais Martinez, Assistant Commissioner for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion  
Carrie Mayne, Chief Economist  
Jefferson Moss, Innovation District at The Point Project Director  
Melissa Van Hien, Office Manager / Executive Assistant to the Commissioner  
Scott Wyatt, Senior Executive Director of Statewide Online Education

**Other Guests**

Michiel Bostick, Vice President of Instructional Services, Uintah Basin Technical College  
Jeff Lund, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Davis Technical College  
Chris Nelson, Chief University Relations Office and Secretary to the University, University of Utah  
Patricia Walker, Vice President of Students Services and Marketing, Tooele Technical College

**Institutional Presidents Present**

Mindy Benson, Southern Utah University  
Clay Christensen, Mountainland Technical College  
Elizabeth Cantwell, Utah State University  
Chad Campbell, Bridgerland Technical College  
Deneece Huftalin, Salt Lake Community College  
Stacey McIff, Snow College

Brad Mortensen, Weber State University  
Jordan Rushton, Dixie Technical College  
Jim Taggart, Ogden-Weber Technical College  
Astrid Tuminez, Utah Valley University  
Richard Williams, Utah Tech University  
Brennan Wood, Southwest Technical College

Chair Covington called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

## Committee of the Whole

### *USHE Updates*

Chair Covington announced the members of the Board Executive Committee as Chair Covington, Vice Chair Neeleman, and Board member Javier Chavez Jr. At the request of the Chair, Deputy Commissioner Landward updated the group on Scott Wyatt's contract with the System. Scott will work on the following areas: three-year bachelor's degrees, onboarding higher education students in their first six weeks, disaggregating bachelor's degrees, and higher education degrees awarded by third parties. This was an information item; no action was taken.

### *Roundtable Discussion with USHE Presidents*

Chair Covington asked each president to discuss the opportunities and challenges at their institution. The following topics were areas of the most concern/interest among the presidents:

1. Three-year (90-credit) Bachelor's Degrees, Maintain Pell Eligibility, Move as a System
2. Performance Funding Model, Reevaluate Some Things, Have Consistency in This and Other Metrics; Recognize Secondary Students in Funding Models; PT v FTE
3. Shared Services: Cybersecurity
4. Affordable Student Housing; Innovative Approaches
5. Credit Transfer Standards within USHE Institutions, Including Stackable Credentials, Articulation Accountability, While Not Diluting Success of Technical Education
6. Common Measurement For Economic Value/ Impact, Including Tech Transfer and Entrepreneurship and How that Brings Value to the State
7. One Size Does Not Fit All; Continue to Help Tech Colleges Stay Nimble to Industry Needs
8. Shared Services: Title IX Issues
9. Work Together Instead of Competitively/Incentives to Collaborate
10. Funding for Capital Projects; Evaluate for Renovation and Remodel; S.B. 102
11. Growth and Capacity for Tech Programs
12. Job Market/Employer Collaboration; Optimize Curriculum so Students are Prepared
13. Marketing to Promote Value of Higher Ed/ USHE Story
14. Shared Solutions to Increase FAFSA; Better Coordinate Financial Aid
15. Shared Services: Student Information System, e.g., Northstar & Other Student Technology

This was an information item only; no action was taken.

**Board member Larson moved to adjourn. Board member Cox seconded the motion. The Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

  
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Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

Date Approved: November 3, 2023