



**Utah Board of Higher Education
Utah Tech University
Wednesday, February 26, 2025**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

Amanda Covington, Chair
Javier Chavez Jr. (absent from Committee of the Whole at 6:00 p.m.)
Jon Cox
Sharon Eubank
Danny Ipson
Cydni Tetro

Board Members Absent

Tina Marriott
Steve Neeleman, Vice Chair
Aaron Skonnard
Muskan Walia

Office of the Commissioner

Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner of Higher Education
Alison Adams, General Counsel and Secretary to the Utah Board of Higher Education
Taylor Adams, Associate Commissioner of Student Affairs
Kris Coles, Assistant Commissioner for Student Affairs
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education
Vic Hockett, Associate Commissioner of Talent Ready Utah
Katie Mazzie, Director of Student-Centered Initiatives
Hilary Renshaw, Associate General Counsel
Angie Stallings, Deputy Commissioner and COO

Utah Tech University Board of Trustees

Deven Macdonald, Second Vice Chair

Utah Tech University Presidential Candidates

Philip Cavalier
Steven Hafen
Shane Smeed

Other Guest

Kim Bobby, AGB

Chair Covington called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m.

Board member Ipson moved to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; impending litigation; or the sale of real property. Board member Eubank seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Closed Session

Chair Covington moved to end closed session. Board member Cox seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

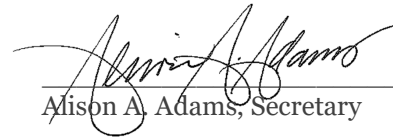
Committee of the Whole

Chair Covington welcomed those in attendance and provided brief comments. She addressed the presidential search process and thanked the presidential search committee members for their efforts. Utah Tech University Board of Trustees Second Vice Chair Deven Macdonald provided brief remarks.

Board member Cox moved to appoint as the next president of Utah Tech University Shane Smeed. Board member Tetro seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed. Chair Covington introduced Mr. Smeed, and Mr. Smeed then addressed the group.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.



Alison A. Adams, Secretary

Date Approved: March 27, 2025