



**Utah Board of Higher Education
Utah State University
Thursday, October 30, 2025**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

Amanda Covington, Chair
Jon Cox, Vice Chair
Javier Chavez Jr.
Jeremy Hafen
Jodi Hart
Danny Ipson
Garrett Largent
Steve Neeleman
Cydni Tetro

Board Members Absent

Aaron Skonnard

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
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education
Katie Mazzie, Director of Student-Centered Initiatives
Hilary Renshaw, Associate General Counsel
Melissa Van Hien, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner and Office Manager

Utah State University Board of Trustees

Tessa White, Chair
David Huntsman

Utah State University's New President

Brad Mortensen

Others

Utah State University Community

Chair Covington delegated the authority to call the meeting to order to Utah State University Board of Trustees Chair Tessa White, and Chair White called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

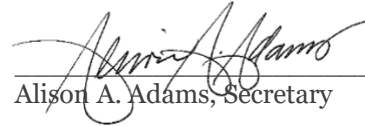
Committee of the Whole

Board of Trustees Chair White welcomed those in attendance and turned the meeting over to Board Chair Covington. Chair Covington provided comments, followed by remarks from Utah State University Trustee David Huntsman. **Board member Neeleman moved to appoint as the next president of Utah State University Brad L. Mortensen. Vice Chair Cox seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.** Chair Covington introduced President Mortensen, who then addressed the attendees. Chair Covington then

announced that President Mortensen's start date would be November 10, 2025, and invited guests to join the welcome events planned for the following week.

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m.



Alison A. Adams, Secretary

Date Approved: November 20, 2025