



**Utah Board of Higher Education
Utah Valley University
Friday, July 17, 2026**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
MINUTES**

Board Members Present

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

Board Members Absent

Jodi Hart

Office of the Commissioner

Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner
Alison Adams, General Counsel and Secretary of the Board
Taylor Adams, Associate Commissioner of Student Affairs
Trevor Cross, Systems Administrator
Katie Mazzie, Associate Commissioner of Strategic Initiatives, Community and Government Relations
Natalie Reidhead, Administrative Assistant
Melissa Van Hien, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Utah Valley University Board of Trustees

Scott Smith, Chair
Shauna Smith

Utah Valley University's New President

Jon Anderson

Others

Utah Valley University Community

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

Committee of the Whole

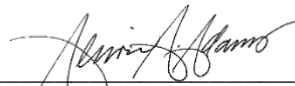
Board of Trustees Chair Smith welcomed attendees, followed by remarks from Board member Aaron Skonnard, UVU Trustee Shauna Smith, and Chair Covington.

Board member Skonnard moved to appoint Jon Anderson as the next president of Utah Valley University. Board member Hafen seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

Chair Covington introduced President Anderson, who then addressed the attendees. Chair Covington announced that President Anderson's start date will be August 10, 2026.

Board member Neeleman moved to adjourn. Board member Chavez Jr. seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.


Alison A. Adams, Secretary

Date Approved: September 9, 2026