



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
WFRC Budget Committee

WFRC Budget Committee Meeting was held at 4:00pm on Thursday, March 19, 2026, via Zoom.

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:03]

Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:03pm. Introductions were completed via roll call.

a. [00:00:50] ACTION: Approval of Minutes of October 9, 2025 and acceptance of the Financial statements/check registers for September, October, November, December 2025, and January 2026, and the current Financial Report Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, as well as the financial statements as provided. Commissioner Jim Harvey seconded. The approval vote was unanimous.

2. Public Comment [00:02:30]

Councilmember Winder Newton opened the meeting for public comments. There were none.

3. WFRC Budget Committee [00:02:44]

a. ACTION: Release the Draft FY27 WFRC Goals, Budget and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) for public comment

Councilmember Winder Newton turned the time to Marian Florence, Chief Financial Officer at WFRC, and Andrew Gruber, Executive Director at WFRC. Ms. Florence explained that WFRC's staff has identified and proposed agency goals and prepared a draft budget and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) that outline the objectives and activities that WFRC plans to undertake in FY2027, and turned the time to Mr. Gruber. Mr. Gruber stated that, as in the past, the FY27 goals are similar to the FY26 goals. This reflects the continuity in WFRC's organizational mission and roles, and the fact that most of the activities are ongoing and span multiple years. Ms. Florence continued by reviewing the proposed budget. The major expenditure in the budget is for staff salary and benefits. Consultant contracts represent the second largest expenditure in the FY27 budget. The process of calculating county contributions was discussed and it was confirmed that the budget numbers have been communicated and confirmed with each county. Councilmember Winder Newton noted that the Committee had received extensive information on the subject, thanked WFRC and asked for comment or questions from the Committee. There were none. Mr. Gruber then continued the overview by discussing the purpose of the UPWP, which outlines the work tasks that WFRC will pursue during FY26 in collaboration with cities, counties, UDOT, UTA, and other partners. The group was reminded that the process for approval of the FY27 Goals, Budget, and UPWP is that any proposed changes made, based on further review and any impactful information received during the public comment period, will be brought before this Budget Committee at the next meeting in May 2026. **[00:33:49] ACTION** Councilmember Winder Newton called for a motion on the items as presented. Commissioner Jim Harvey made a motion to recommend that the Council release the Draft FY27 WFRC Goals, Budget and UPWP for public comment. Councilmember Scott Wardle seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

4. Executive Director Report [00:35:21]

Andrew Gruber, WFRC, stated that he had nothing more to report but did give his thanks to the WFRC staff and the Budget Committee members.

5. Other Business and Adjournment [00:36:50]

Councilmember Winder Newton reminded the group that the WFRC Council meeting will be held next Thursday, March 26, and asked if there were any other business items to discuss. There were no other items brought forward. The next meeting of the Budget Committee will be May 14, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

A recording of this meeting, as well as meeting materials, may be found on the WFRC website at www.wfrc.org

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2026 Budget Committee Members		Present	Others in Attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY			
Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	Yes	
DAVIS COUNTY			
Bob Stevenson, Commissioner	Davis County	Yes	WFRC Staff: Andrew Gruber
MORGAN COUNTY			
Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	No	Marian Florence Wayne Bennion
SALT LAKE COUNTY			
Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember (Chair)	Salt Lake County	Yes	Andrea Pearson
Dawn Ramsey, Mayor	South Jordan	No	
TOOELE COUNTY			
Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	
WEBER COUNTY			
Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	