WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
WFRC Budget Committee

WFRC Budget Committee Meeting was held at 2:30pm on Monday, October 5, 2026, via Zoom.

1. Introductions and Consent Agenda [00:00:02]

Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, Chair, called the meeting to order at 2:33pm. **[00:00:45]** Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, acknowledged that this will be Chair Winder Newton's last meeting as WFRC Budget Committee Chair, and noted that Commissioner Lee Perry and Commissioner Bob Stevenson will also no longer be on the committee in 2027. **[00:04:31]** Andrea Pearson, WFRC, read the names of the attendees into the record. **[00:03:12] ACTION: Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2026, and acceptance of the Financial statements/check registers for April, May, June, July, and August 2026, and the Budget Expenditure report to date.** Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to approve the minutes as written, as well as the financial statements as provided. Commissioner Lee Perry seconded. The approval vote was unanimous.

2. Public Comment [00:04:11]

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

3. Budget Amendments and Audit Report [00:04:50]

Chair Winder Newton called attention to Item 3a and Item 3b and turned the time to Marian Florence, WFRC Chief Financial Officer.

3a. Review and recommend the FY26 WFRC Audit Report to WFRC Council for acceptance

Marian Florence opened the discussion regarding WFRC's annual audit. The audit of the Council's financial records was conducted by the auditing firm, Larson & Company, PC, and a final draft of the audit report was included in the meeting materials. A summary of the audit results may be found on pages 47-48 of the report. The auditors have issued an *unqualified opinion*. Their review of WFRC's internal controls over financial reporting and federal programs found no weaknesses. Auditors likewise reported no findings in compliance with 2CFR200.516(a), which covers all aspects of federal grant programs including allowable costs, internal controls, reports and compliance with grant requirements. Jon Haderlie, from Larson & Co, explained some of the information in the report and was available to answer questions. **[00:18:51]** Commissioner Mike Newton made a motion to recommend that the Council take action to accept the WFRC FY26 Audit Report as presented. Councilmember Scott Wardle seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

3b. ACTION: Review and recommend the FY27 WFRC Budget amendments to WFRC Council for approval [00:19:35]

Marian Florence reminded the Committee that each October, WFRC closes the financial records on the previous fiscal year, which includes verifying the final expenditures and determining what expenditures and revenues will carry forward from the previous fiscal year (FY26) into the current fiscal year (FY27). WFRC routinely carries forward funding for projects that are multi-year in nature; i.e., a project may be fully budgeted in the first year, but the work is conducted over two or more years, and the associated expenditures and revenues are therefore carried forward into the next fiscal year. This requires an amendment to the current fiscal year (FY27) budget. **[00:23:25]** Commissioner Bob Stevenson made a motion to recommend that the Council take action to approve the FY27 WFRC Budget amendments as presented. Commissioner Mike Newton seconded the motion, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

4. DISCUSSION: Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guidance [00:23:55]

Chair Winder Newton stated that Marian Florence, WFRC CFO, would now be explaining the new OMB guidance and its impact on WFRC's work. In May 2026, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), USDOT, and more than 30 other federal agencies issued a 108-page sweeping proposed rule that would rewrite the government-wide framework for managing federal financial assistance including grants, cooperative agreements, and related forms of federal funding. The "Improving Oversight of Federal Grantmaking" 2025 Executive Order is a key driver of the proposal and directed OMB to revise several

aspects of the government-wide grants framework. Many of the policy changes in this proposal build on executive orders, agency directives, and other administrative actions issued over the past two years. OMB is proposing to consolidate many of those policies into a single, government-wide regulation that would apply across federal-financial assistance programs and agencies. OMB describes the proposal as an effort to strengthen transparency, accountability, and oversight while reducing certain administrative burdens. The rule would also formalize a significant structural change: OMB proposes to replace the familiar Uniform Guidance with a more explicitly binding "Uniform Grants Regulation" (UGR). WFRC is currently fully in compliance with Uniform Guidance. At this point, WFRC is monitoring the proposal and, if new guidance goes into effect December 11 or at any time thereafter, we will adjust any policies or practices as needed to comply with updated guidance.

5. Executive Director Report [00:30:48]

Andrew Gruber reminded the group that the WFRC Council meeting will be in two weeks, on October 22, 2026. Andrea Pearson, WFRC, stated that the dates would remain the same for the 2027 Budget Committee meetings (two weeks prior to each WFRC Council meeting), in January (tentative), March, May, August (tentative), and October.

6. Other Business and Adjournment [00:33:54]

The next meeting of the Budget Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 2027. More information and calendar appointments will be forthcoming. The meeting adjourned at 3:09pm.

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

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2025 Budget Committee Members		Present	Others in Attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY			Jon Haderlie, Larson & Co
Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	yes	
DAVIS COUNTY			WFRC Staff:
Bob Stevenson, Commissioner	Davis County	yes	Andrew Gruber
MORGAN COUNTY			Marian Florence
Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	yes	Wayne Bennion
SALT LAKE COUNTY			Kevrine Wells
Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember (Chair)	Salt Lake County	yes	Andrea Pearson
Dawn Ramsey, Mayor	South Jordan	yes	
TOOELE COUNTY			
Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	yes	
WEBER COUNTY			
Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	no	