



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
Wasatch Front Regional Council
January 22, 2026

WFRC Council meeting was held at WFRC Offices, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

1. Introductions & Consent Agenda [00:00:05]

a. ACTION: Minutes of the WFRC meeting held October 23, 2025, current financial report and financial statements for Sept, Oct, and Nov 2025 (at end of packet)

At 1:32pm, WFRC Council Chair, Mayor Dawn Ramsey, welcomed the Wasatch Front Regional Council members and guests to the first Council meeting in 2026. Introductions were made around the table, and online. New Council members attending were asked to briefly introduce themselves.

[00:07:20] ACTION: Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the first item on the agenda - the minutes of the October 23, 2025 meeting and current financial report and financial statements for September, October, and November 2025. Commissioner Stevenson made a motion to approve all the documents as presented and Mayor Mark Shepherd seconded the motion. There was no discussion and the minutes and financial statements were approved unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:08:30]

a. ACTION: Appointments to WFRC Council and Committees

Mayor Ramsey, as the WFRC Chair, presented the appointments of WFRC Members to the Regional Growth Committee (RGC), Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com), WFRC Budget Committee, Active Transportation Committee (ATC), Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) and Joint Policy Advisory Committee (JPAC). Appointments to WFRC and its Committees are also made by the County Councils of Governments (COGs) and other appointing authorities that partner with WFRC. **[00:15:08] ACTION:** Mayor Joy Petro made a motion that the members of the Council endorse the appointments to WFRC Council and other Committees as listed. UTA Trustee Carlton Christensen seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

b. ACTION: 2026 State Legislative Session and Congressional preview [00:16:28]

Mayor Ramsey introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, who explained the legislation that is pertinent to the region. Ms. Jones Cox stated that the group would first get to hear briefly from the legislative members of WFRC - **[00:17:25]** Senator Wayne Harper and **[00:19:30]** Representative Ariel Defay, on some key themes and priorities for the session. WFRC members can keep themselves apprised of notable legislation by subscribing to WFRC's Government Affairs emails which are frequently distributed during the session. Members may also reference WFRC's bill tracker, found on WFRC's website, and/or provide input on these pieces of legislation by attending our weekly policy meetings on Thursday mornings at 8 AM at the Utah State Capitol building. **[00:33:39] ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey asked for a motion to endorse the recommended positions as presented. Mayor Monica Zoltanski made a motion and Mayor Tami Tran seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

3. Public Comment [00:34:12] Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting for public comment. There were no public comments.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) [00:34:40]

Mayor Ramsey called on RGC Chair, Mayor Tami Tran, to provide a report on that group's meeting on Jan 15, 2026. Mayor Tran turned the time to Ted Knowlton, WFRC Deputy Director & Chief Planner, who discussed the criteria that WFRC uses to phase the projects in the Regional Transportation Plan.

a. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification [00:39:10]

Mayor Tran continued the RGC report, stating that tremendous progress has been made by communities in our region over the past year to develop Station Area Plans. Last week the Regional Growth Committee reviewed the final Plans from 2025 and is making a recommendation to the Council to certify 18 plans in six cities. First, Meg Padjen, WFRC Community and Economic Development Director, will highlight the overall accomplishments in station area planning over the past three years. **[00:46:15]** Then, Byron Head, WFRC Community Planner, presented information for the consideration of the SAPs for certification. **[00:58:06] ACTION:** Mayor Tran made a motion to certify the Station Area Plans, Resolutions of Impracticability, and Resolutions of Prior Action for the

cities of Ogden, South Salt Lake, Millcreek, Murray, Bountiful, and Salt Lake City. Commissioner Bob Stevenson seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

5. Transportation Coordinating Committee (Trans Com) [00:58:57]

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Mayor Mark Shepherd, Trans Com Chair. Mayor Shepherd called on Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator, to provide the information to the group.

a. Report: Board modifications to 2026-2031 TIP

Mr. Wuthrich noted that since the last meeting of the Council, WFRC staff received requests to modify the current 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The modification required action from Trans Com (since WFRC was not meeting) and the Utah Transportation Commission, but did not require a new air quality conformity analysis or a 30-day public comment period. The modifications are included in the meeting materials, and Mr. Wuthrich stated that if there were any questions, he would be available to answer them.

b. ACTION: Board modifications to 2026-2031 TIP [00:59:23]

Mr. Wuthrich continued, reporting that WFRC staff has again received several requests to modify the current 2026-2031 TIP and he briefly discussed each project on the list, also included in the meeting materials. [01:08:05]

ACTION: Mayor Mark Shepherd made a motion to approve the resolution to modify the 2026-2031 TIP as requested. Mayor Joy Petro seconded the motion and the voting was unanimous in the affirmative.

6. Reports [01:08:57]

a. Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD) update

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Marcia White, WFRC Regional Economic Development Planner, to provide the report in Chair Gage Froerer's stead. Ms. White stated that the WFEDD year concluded with a discussion about the Regional Transportation Plan and how the RTP supports economic growth. Trustee Carlton Christensen from the Utah Transit Authority shared the value transit brings to Utah, not just in terms of ridership, but also the economic impact and development around station areas, like on the S Line in Salt Lake County, the OGX in Weber County, and others. As was noted at the beginning of the meeting, several committee changes are being made, including the WFEDD committee. This year the WFEDD will have both a public-sector and private-sector co-chairs.

b. Executive Director's report [01:11:15]

Mayor Ramsey introduced Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, for his report. Mr. Gruber spoke on the following items: looking ahead to the working groups that will be created in preparation for the 2034 Olympic and Paralympic Games, [01:14:55] the positive outcome of WFRC's Quadrennial Review performed recently by the Federal Highways Administration (FHWA), [01:16:55] the decision of WFRC to extend our building space lease another 10 years (current lease expires Sept 2028) at a reduced annual interest rate, [01:20:29] recognized Suzie Swim for 20 years of service at WFRC, [01:21:45] and, along with Johnnae Nardone, WFRC Communications Manager, apprised the group of WFRC's website refresh.

7. Other Business and Adjournment [01:24:35]

Mayor Ramsey asked the group if there was interest in having a field trip and if so, where would they like to go. There was some discussion and WFRC staff will pursue suggested options.

Mayor Ramsey then continued, asking the group if there were other business items to bring up. Mayor Erin Mendenhall invited the group to a celebration watch party between the City and County Building and Salt Lake Main Library on the evening of February 6, 2026. [01:35:23] Mayor Jenny Wilson mentioned some potential federal land acquisition issues.

[01:39:41] Mayor Ramsey then drew attention to the final item on the agenda, announcing that the video link, *Overview of the Utah Open and Public Meeting Act*, is part of WFRC's compliance with annual training requirements. The link is included on the agenda, in the initial Council meeting email and will also be added to the follow up email that will be sent next week. Please take the time to watch it in order to fulfill the WFRC Training requirements.

The next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, March 26, 2026. Upcoming events, listed at bottom of agenda, include notice of the WFRC 101 webinar- a virtual orientation that will be held on February 26, 2026, at 1:30pm. Mayor Ramsey entertained a motion to adjourn, which was made by Mayor Mark Shepherd and seconded by Mayor Sheri Bingham. The meeting adjourned at 3:22pm.

Wasatch Front Regional Council

2026 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				John Crofts, Davis Co Commissioner
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	Yes	Clark Wilkinson, Centerville Mayor
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	Yes	Jeanne Groberg, Fruit Heights Mayor
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Brian Horrocks, North Salt Lake Mayor
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	Dave Maughan, Syracuse Mayor
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	Roger Bourke, Alta Mayor; Ann Jackson, Roy Mayor
Member -	Tami Tran, Mayor	Kaysville	Yes	Gay Lynn Bennion, Cottonwood Heights Mayor
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	David Brems, Emigration Canyon Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY				Paul Fotheringham, Holladay Mayor
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Dustin Gettel, Midvale Mayor
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Cheri Jackson, Millcreek Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Brett Hales, Murray Mayor
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	Yes	Tish Buroker, Riverton Mayor
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	Yes	Cherie Wood, South Salt Lake Mayor
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	Yes	Dan Dugan, Salt Lake City Councilmember
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	No	Laurie Stringham, Salt Lake Co Councilmember
Member -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor	Herriman	Yes	William Whetstone, West Valley City Council
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Janet Wampler, Ogden Valley City Mayor
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	Yes	Ivan Marrero & Kelly Lund, FHWA
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	Yes	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA; Jay Fox, UTA
TOOELE COUNTY				Annette Royal, UTA; Chandler Beutler, UTA
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	Yes	Cameron Diehl, ULCT; Colby Oliverson, GOPB
Alternate -	Maresa Manzione, Mayor	Tooele City	Yes	Johnathan Knaption & Michelle Carroll, MAG
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Thomas Nguyen, DMPO; Shawn Milne, BRAG
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Julianne Sabula, Kyle Jensen, Megan Moore,
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	No	Sophia DiCaro, Michelle Larsen, Nathan Wiberg,
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor	Hooper	Yes	Sherry Stevens, Todd Beutler, Isaac Higham,
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	Yes	Andrea Bohmholdt, K Sorensen, Brandon Rypien,
UDOT & UTA				Val Potter, Roger Borgenicht, Ryan Mecham,
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	Yes	Lauren Littlefield, Beth Colosimo, Nick Norris,
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	Heather Montgomery, Catherine Kanter,
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	Sean Murray, Z. Smallwood, J Weidenhamer
Alternate -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	Jeff, John H, Adam's iPhone, Andy (Guests)
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				WFRC: Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Bert Granberg,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co. Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	No	Hugh VanWagenen, Julie Bjornstad, Sarah Lawless,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities and Towns	No	Tim Watkins, Johnnae Nardone, Meg Padjen, Jory Johner
Member -	Jason Brown, Executive Director	Envision Utah	Yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Marcia White, Ben Wuthrich,
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	State Senate	Yes	Wayne Bennion, Suzie Swim, Christy Dahlberg, Byron Head
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	State House of Representatives	Yes	Marian Florence, Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez,
Member -	Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator	GOPB	No	Andrea Pearson