

WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Wasatch Front Regional Council
May 28, 2026

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

1. Welcome & Consent Agenda (00:00:03)

At 1:33pm, Mayor Dawn Ramsey, Chair of WFRC Council, welcomed the group to the meeting. Introductions were made around the room and online. **(00:06:02)**

1a. ACTION: Minutes of the WFRC meeting held March 26, 2026, current financial report, and financial statements for February and March 2026

Mayor Ramsey brought attention to the minutes of the Council meeting held on March 26 and the financial statements for February and March 2026 and entertained a motion to approve these items. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made the motion and Commissioner Tyler Vincent seconded, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

(00:06:50) Mayor Ramsey called for a motion to switch the order of the agenda, in order to have Public Comment occur prior to the Chair Report. Commissioner Jim Harvey made the motion, seconded by Mayor Joy Petro, and the motion was unanimous in the affirmative.

2. Chair Report (00:35:53)

Mayor Ramsey introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, who gave a brief report regarding the current federal transportation reauthorization bill.

(00:46:32) Mayor Ramsey noted the upcoming changes in Utah Transit Authority's governance structure on July 1, 2026 and acknowledged the long-standing support of the three UTA Trustees that have worked with the Council for a number of years: Carlton Christensen, Beth Holbrook, and Jeff Acerson.

3. Public Comment (00:07:43)

Mayor Ramsey opened the meeting up for public comment. There were several comments brought forth by members of the public about the Cottonwood Canyons and the Rio Grande Plan. **(00:21:00)** Mayor Ramsey then allowed time for other comments from members of the Council. **(00:27:57)** Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, and Carlos Braceras, UDOT Executive Director, also provided comments.

4. Regional Growth Committee (RGC) (00:50:30)

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Mayor Tami Tran, Chair of RGC for a report on the meeting from May 21, 2026. Mayor Tran stated that it was an informative meeting where one of the topics of discussion was water use and how it relates to urban growth. RGC will continue to explore water usage discussion in the future.

4a. ACTION: Station Area Plan Certification (00:51:20)

Mayor Tran then introduced Byron Head, Community Planner at WFRC, and shared that he will be presenting on a Station Area Plan for certification. **(00:55:29) ACTION:** Mayor Ramsey called for a motion to certify the resolution of impracticability for the Midvale portion of Historic Sandy TRAX station area. The motion was made by Mayor Dustin Gettel and seconded by Commissioner Jim Harvey. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

5. Transportation Coordination Committee (Trans Com) (00:56:34)

Mayor Ramsey invited Commissioner Jim Harvey, Vice Chair of Trans Com, to provide the report in Trans Com Chair Mayor Mark Shepherd's stead. Commissioner Harvey introduced Ben Wuthrich, WFRC Transportation Improvement Program Coordinator.

5a. Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) Mr. Wuthrich stated that since the last meeting of the Wasatch Front Regional Council (WFRC), requests were received to modify the current 2026-2031 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 modification is attached to the approved resolution.

5b. ACTION: Board Modifications to the 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) (00:59:15)

Mr. Wuthrich continued the report by briefly describing the modification requests to the current 2026-2031 Transportation Improvement Program. **[01:04:28] ACTION:** Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the modifications as discussed. Mayor Lorin Palmer seconded the motion and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

5c. ACTION: Approve Surface Transportation Program (STP), Congestion Mitigation/Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP), and Carbon Reduction Program (CRP) projects for the 2027-2032 TIP (01:06:50) Mr. Wuthrich continued, providing a brief overview of the process for developing recommendations for adding new projects to the four federal funding programs: STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP. He then gave an overview of the projects slated for inclusion in these programs for the 2027-2032 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). **ACTION (01:20:30)** Commissioner Harvey made a motion to approve the addition of the new projects that have been reviewed and recommended by Trans Com in the four programs: STP, CMAQ, TAP, and CRP. Carlton Christensen, UTA Trustee, seconded the motion. The affirmative motion passed unanimously.

6. WFRC Budget Committee (01:24:24)

Mayor Ramsey introduced WFRC Budget Committee Chair, Councilmember Aimee Winder Newton, who reported that the Budget Committee met earlier this month and is bringing one action item and one informational item before the Council.

6a. Public Hearing and ACTION: Approve the FY27 WFRC Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP)

The FY27 WFRC goals, budget, and Unified Planning Work Program, outlining WFRC activities for fiscal year 2027, were provided in the packets. These materials were prepared by staff in coordination with the Budget Committee, and were previously presented to the Council in March, authorizing their release for public and COG review and comment. The Budget Committee reviewed them again on May 14. WFRC Chief Financial Officer, Marian Florence, summarized the goals and budget, noting that there is one addition to funding since the March review: WFRC received an award from the US Department of Transportation for the Regional Infrastructure Accelerator (RIA) program. The UPWP summary has also been updated to include the RIA grant. Mayor Ramsey opened a Public Hearing to discuss the WFRC FY27 goals, budget, and Unified Planning Work Program. There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was closed. **(01:29:08) ACTION:** Councilmember Winder Newton made a motion to approve the WFRC fiscal year 2027 Goals, Budget, and Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP). The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bob Stevenson, and the affirmative vote was unanimous.

6b. Fraud Risk Assessment FY25 (01:29:45)

WFRC completed its annual fraud risk assessment as required by the Office of the Utah State Auditor. The Budget Committee also reviewed this item at its last meeting. WFRC remains in the "very low risk" category due to robust internal controls, separation of duties, trained staff, careful policies, and transparent structure and processes. The assessment and accompanying memo were available in the packets for review prior to submission to the Utah State Auditor.

7. Reports (01:30:47)

7a. Active Transportation Committee (ATC) update

Mayor Ramsey introduced Mayor Troy Walker who provided an update on ATC, by discussing the success of the 9th Annual Golden Spoke ride that was held on May 16, 2026 and letting the group know that there will be more information forthcoming about legislation that was passed regarding the distinction between and the safety of e-bicycles versus e-motorbikes.

7b. Executive Director's Report (01:34:12)

Mayor Ramsey turned the time to Andrew Gruber, WFRC Executive Director, who acknowledged Andrea Pearson, Senior Executive Assistant, for 10 years of service at WFRC.

8. Other Business and Adjournment (01:37:16)

Mayor Ramsey noted that the next Council meeting will be held on Thursday, August 27, 2026. She asked if there were other items of business and Beth Holbrook, UTA Trustee, mentioned the good work that Utah Urban Land Institute is doing with students around the Wasatch Front. Mayor Dustin Gettel shared that Mayor Ramsey was recognized by America 250 as an outstanding public servant. Mayor Ramsey then entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Bob Stevenson made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Tyler Vincent, and the meeting adjourned at 3:16pm.

Wasatch Front Regional Council

2026 WFRC MEMBERS			Present	Others in attendance
BOX ELDER COUNTY				Allan Perry, White City Mayor
Member -	Lee Perry, Commissioner	Box Elder County	No	Sharon Bolos, Weber County Commissioner
Alternate -	Tyler Vincent, Commissioner	Box Elder County	Yes	John Crofts, Davis County Commissioner
DAVIS COUNTY MEMBERS				Kate Bradshaw, Bountiful Mayor
Member -	Joy Petro, Mayor	Layton	Yes	David Brems, Emigration Canyon Mayor
Member -	Mark Shepherd, Mayor	Clearfield	Yes	Paul Fotheringham, Holladay Mayor
Member -	Tami Tran, Mayor	Kaysville	Yes	Dustin Gettel, Midvale Mayor
Member -	Bob Stevenson, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Davis County	Yes	Tish Buroker, Riverton Mayor
MORGAN COUNTY				Cherie Wood, South Salt Lake City Mayor
Member -	Mike Newton, Commissioner	Morgan County	No	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Alternate -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Cheri Jackson, Millcreek Mayor
SALT LAKE COUNTY MEMBERS				Janet Wampler, Ogden Valley City Mayor
Member -	Jenny Wilson, Mayor	Salt Lake County	No	Steve Gibson, Pleasant View Mayor
Member -	Erin Mendenhall, Mayor	Salt Lake City	Yes	Nichol Bourdeaux, UTA
Member -	Dawn Ramsey, Mayor (Chair)	South Jordan	Yes	Cameron Diehl, ULCT
Member -	Aimee Winder Newton, Councilmember	Salt Lake County	Yes	Jaron Robertson, UTA
Member -	Lorin Palmer, Mayor	Herriman	Yes	Chandler Beutler, UTA
Member -	Monica Zoltanski , Mayor	Sandy	Yes	David Wendt, Jr
Member -	Dirk Burton, Mayor	West Jordan	No	Jack Strauss, Save our Canyons
Member -	Kristie Overson, Mayor	Taylorsville	No	Doug Tolman, Save our Canyons
TOOELE COUNTY				Brad Rutledge, Wasatch Backcountry Alliance
Member -	Scott Wardle, Councilmember	Tooele County	No	Connor Hope, Rep. Mike Kennedy
Alternate -	Maresa Manzione, Mayor	Tooele City	Yes	Dalton Daley, Canyon Guard
WEBER COUNTY MEMBERS				Charlie Luke, Canyon Gard
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner	Weber County	No	Victor Hollenbach, GOPB
Member -	Jim Harvey, Commissioner	Weber County	Yes	Emily Pitsch, Friends of LLC
Member -	Sheri Bingham, Mayor	Hooper	Yes	Lauren Littlefield, SLCo Regional Development
Member -	Ben Nadolski, Mayor	Ogden	No	Rob Jolley, RRJ Consulting
UDOT & UTA				
Member -	Carlos Braceras, Executive Director	UDOT	Yes	WFRC staff:
Alternate -	Ben Huot, Deputy Director	UDOT	Yes	Andrew Gruber, Ted Knowlton, Bert Granberg,
Member -	Carlton Christensen, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	Julie Bjornstad, Sarah Lawless, Jory Johner,
Alternate -	Beth Holbrook, Trustee	UTA Board	Yes	Miranda Jones Cox, Marcia White, Ben Wuthrich,
NON-VOTING MEMBERS / WFRC APPOINTMENTS FROM OTHER ORGANIZATIONS				Wayne Bennion, Byron Head, Fariba Soltani,
Member -	Lorene Kamalu, Davis Co. Commissioner	Utah Association of Counties	Yes	Johnnae Nardone, Marian Florence, Christy Dahlberg,
Member -	Troy Walker, Draper City Mayor	Utah League of Cities & Towns	No	Jordon Chandler, Rosie Hernandez. Andrea Pearson
Member -	Jason Brown, Executive Director	Envision Utah	Yes	
Member -	Senator Wayne Harper	State Senate	No	
Member -	Representative Ariel Defay	State House of Representatives	Yes	
Member -	Laura Hanson, State Planning Coordinator	GOPB	Yes	