



WASATCH FRONT REGIONAL COUNCIL

MINUTES
WFRC || Wasatch Front Economic Development District
March 12, 2026

Wasatch Front Economic Development District Meeting was held at WFRC Office, 41 N Rio Grande Street, Salt Lake City and via Zoom.

1. Introductions & Consent Agenda [00:00:44]

Commissioner Gage Froerer, Co-Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:32pm and welcomed the committee, especially the new members. Introductions were made around the room, and online.

a. ACTION: Co-Chair / Vice Chair and membership ratifications [00:11:34]

Commissioner Froerer stated that, based on WFEDD bylaws, the group is required to ratify the WFEDD new appointments and appoint the co-chairs and vice chair of the WFEDD committee. There were a few changes to the committee for 2026, and a list of the new members was presented to the group.

Commissioner Froerer reported that both he and Mary Catherine Perry with the Salt Lake Chamber, will be co-chairing and Commissioner Raelene Blocker will be serving as vice chair respectively, and asked that all the appointments as discussed be ratified by this committee. **[00:13:29] ACTION:** Shannon Ellsworth made a motion to ratify the appointments as discussed regarding the co-chairs, vice chair, and new members, and Michael Moore seconded the motion. The affirmative vote was unanimous.

b. ACTION: Minutes of the WFEDD Meeting held December 11, 2025 [00:15:53]

Commissioner Froerer entertained a motion to approve the minutes of the WFEDD meeting held on December 11, 2025. A motion was made by Kent Andersen, and seconded by Michael Moore, that the minutes of the meeting be approved without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Chair Report [00:16:37]

Commissioner Froerer thanked the group for their involvement in economic development in their areas and encouraged continued support across agencies and communities.

3. Public Comment [00:18:00]

Commissioner Froerer opened the time to public comment. There were none.

4. America 250 [00:18:19]

Commissioner Froerer announced that, due to a full agenda, this informational item will be tabled for a future meeting.

5. Economic Development 2026 Legislative Recap [00:18:48]

Commissioner Froerer introduced Miranda Jones Cox, WFRC Government Affairs Manager, who provided some highlights related to economic development, transportation, and land use, from the Legislative Session that concluded last week.

6. Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant Opportunities [00:42:11]

Commissioner Froerer turned the time to Trent Thompson, Regional Economic Development Representative, with the Economic Development Administration. Mr. Thompson provided information about requesting assistance and securing funding from the EDA.

7. Brownfield Funding/Historic Preservation [01:01:35]

Commissioner Froerer introduced Kate Lucus with Kansas State University and Kersten Swinyard **[01:21:05]** with Salt Lake County, who presented on brownfield funding programs. These programs are intended to help identify opportunities to redevelop underutilized and contaminated sites, which can assist in revitalizing communities and support smart growth by reusing existing land and infrastructure.

8. Other Business and Adjournment [01:32:48]

Commissioner Froerer reminded the group that the next WFEDD meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026. He 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 WFEDD 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. **[01:33:55]** There was a brief discussion on the approach for communities who would like to coordinate efforts for the America 250 celebrations around our region. Marcia White, WFRC Regional Economic Development Planner will follow up with more information. The meeting adjourned at 3:07pm.

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

Wasatch Front Economic Development District (WFEDD)				
2026 EDD Board - COG Appointments			Present	Others in Attendance
DAVIS COUNTY				Karol Patterson, MAG
Member -	Dave Maughan, Mayor	Syracuse	Yes	Karen Lang, West Valley City Mayor
Alternate -	Clark Wilkinson, Mayor	Centerville	No	Sindy Song, Salt Lake Co
MORGAN COUNTY				Trent Thompson, EDA
Member -	Raelene Blocker, Commissioner (Vice Chair)	Morgan County	Yes	Eric Gibson, Ogden City
Alternate -	Blaine Fackrell, Commissioner	Morgan County	Yes	Kate Lucas, Kansas State University
SALT LAKE COUNTY				Ryan Mecham, Sandy
Member -	Monica Zoltanski, Mayor	Sandy	Yes	Trina Kittleson, Better City
Alternate -	Tish Buroker, Mayor	Riverton	Yes	Katie Atkinson, Sandy
TOOELE COUNTY				
Member -	Jake Thomas, Councilmember	Grantsville City	Yes	
Alternate -	Tye Hoffmann, Councilmember	Tooele County	No	
WEBER COUNTY				
Member -	Gage Froerer, Commissioner (Chair)	Weber County	Yes	
Alternate -	Steven Gibson, Mayor	Pleasant View	Yes	

State, Non-Governmental and Other members				WFRC Staff:
Member -	Lance Soffe	Gov Office of Economic Opportunity	Yes	Marcia White
Alternate -	Stephen Smith	Utah Inland Port Authority	No	Meg Padjen
Member -	Nicole Cottle	UTOPIA Fiber	No	Sarah Lawless
Alternate -	Shannon Ellsworth	Rio Tinto	Yes	Joel Temple
Member -	Mary Catherine Perry (Co-Chair)	Salt Lake Chamber	No	Ted Knowlton
Alternate -	Greg Bisping	EDCUtah	No	Johnnae Nardone
Member -	James Taylor	Weber State University	Yes	Byron Head
Alternate -		Tooele Technical College	No	Madison Aviles
Member -	Jimmy Mcdonough	Talent Ready Utah	No	Jordon Chandler
Alternate -	Darin Brush	Davis Technical College	Yes	Andrea Pearson
Member -	Silvia Castro	Suazo Business Center	Yes	
Alternate -	Julie Johnson	United Way of Northern Utah	Yes	
Member -	Kent Andersen	Davis County	Yes	
Alternate -		Davis County	No	
Member -	Lauren Littlefield	Salt Lake County	No	
Alternate -	Kersten Swinyard	Salt Lake County	Yes	
Member -	Rachelle Custer	Tooele County	Yes	
Alternate -	Laura Vernon	Utah Division of Water Resources	Yes	
Member -	Stephanie Russell	Weber County	Yes	
Alternate -	Chris Roybal	Northern Utah Economic Alliance	No	
Member -	Kate Becker	Morgan County	No	
Alternate -	Shawn Milne	Bear River Association of Governments	Yes	
Member -	Sara Toliver	Visit Ogden	Yes	
Alternate -	Chris Sloan	Group 1 Real Estate	Yes	
Member -	Nicolas Fritz	Intermountain Healthcare	No	
Alternate -	Gwendolyn Kervin	Department of Workforce Services	Yes	
Member -	Michael Moore	Hill Air Force Base	Yes	
Alternate -	Muriel Xochimitl	XFactor Strategic Communications	Yes	