

Rural and Urban Membership on Boards, Commissions, and Councils

The following Utah statutes require a board, commission, or council to consider a rural or urban designation when determining membership.¹ In some instances, the statute explicitly requires that a member represent a rural or urban area. In others, the statute requires a member to be familiar with rural or urban issues or to be another agency administrator. With the exception of the Transportation Commission, what constitutes rural or urban is not defined within any of these statutory provisions.

Board	Membership	Definition/Criteria
Child Care Advisory Committee U.C.A. § 35A-3-205.	Seventeen members: number of rural or urban members not specified	Committee composed of members, with special attention given to insure diversity and representation from both urban and rural groups
Committee to award grants to counties relating to R.S. 2477 rights-of-way U.C.A. § 63F-1-508.	Three rural	Three county commissioners selected by the Utah Association of Counties from rural counties from different regions of the state
Families, Agencies, and Communities Together State Council U.C.A. § 63M-9-201.	One rural One urban	A parent representative from a rural community A parent representative from an urban community
Governor's Economic Development Coordinating Council U.C.A. § 63M-1-1303.	One member: whether urban or rural, not specified	The chair of the Utah Rural Development Council or the chair's designee. (Whether the chair or the chair's designee is from a rural area is unclear, although likely, since the council is an independent entity not created in statute.)
Governor's Rural Partnership Board U.C.A. § 63C-10-102.	Ten rural One member: whether urban or rural, not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rural member of the Utah Association of Counties' Board of Directors • A rural member of the Utah League of Cities and Towns' Board of Directors

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A rural representative of agriculture • A rural representative of the travel industry • A representative of rural utilities • Five rural members appointed by the governor, at least one of which shall be a representative from a rural private business • The chair of the Utah Rural Development Council (Whether the chair or the chair's designee is from a rural area is unclear, although likely, since the council is an independent entity not created in statute.)
Health Data Committee Advisory Panel U.C.A. § 26-33a-106.1.	One rural	Representative of a rural hospital as designated by the Utah Hospital Association
Office of Rural Development U.C.A. § 63M-1-1605.	One member: whether urban or rural, not specified	The director of the office shall be a person knowledgeable in the field of rural economic development and planning and experienced in administration
Radiologic Technologist Licensing Board U.C.A. § 58-54-201.	Two rural One urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One licensed physician and surgeon who is not a radiologist and who uses radiology equipment in a rural office-based practice • One licensed physician and surgeon who is not a radiologist and who uses radiology equipment in a urban office-based practice • One representative of a general acute hospital that is located in a rural area of the state

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Rural Coordinating Committee U.C.A. § 63C-10-201.	Four members: whether urban or rural, not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair of the Office of Rural Development • The director of the Utah Rural Development Council • The director of the Utah Center for Rural Life • A director of a rural Association of Counties or the director's designee
Rural Coordinating Committee Steering Committee U.C.A. § 63C-10-202.	Three members: whether urban or rural, not specified	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The chair of the Office of Rural Development • The director of the Utah Rural Development Council • The director of the Utah Center for Rural Life
Rural Development Legislative Liaison Committee U.C.A. § 36-25-102.	Eleven members: whether urban or rural, not specified	Senators and representatives from <u>nonrural</u> legislative districts may be considered for membership
State Emergency Medical Services Committee U.C.A. § 26-8a-103.	One rural	Rural physician involved in emergency medical care
State Library Board U.C.A. § 9-7-204.	Two rural	Appointed from rural area
State Water Development Commission U.C.A. § 73-27-102.	Whether urban or rural not specified	The Senate President and House Speaker shall, to the extent possible, appoint members the represent both rural and urban areas
Statewide Communications Interoperability Committee U.C.A. § 63F-1-801.	Six rural One urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative each of six associations of government from rural Utah that represent counties • One representative of an association that represents urban security efforts

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Transportation Commission U.C.A. § 72-1-301.	One to three rural	At least one of three commissioners selected from the state at large shall be selected from a rural county. A rural county includes a county of the third, fourth, fifth, or sixth class.
Utah Business Assistance Advisory Board U.C.A. § 63M-1-2706.	Two rural Three urban	Two members from rural areas in the state Three members from urban areas in the state
Utah Digital Health Service Commission U.C.A. § 26-9f-103.	One rural	Representative of rural Utah, which may be a person nominated by an advisory committee on rural health issues
Utah Health Care Workforce Financial Assistance Program Advisory Committee U.C.A. § 26-46-103.	Three rural	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One rural representative of Utah Hospitals and Health Systems, nominated by the association • Two rural representatives of the Utah Medical Association, nominated by the association
Utah 911 Committee U.C.A. § 53-10-601.	Two rural One urban	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One representative from a rural incumbent local exchange carrier • Two representatives from the Department of Public Safety, one of whom represents urban Utah and the other rural Utah

1. Statutory survey conducted by the Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel - May 2012.