

**Public Land Management Advisory Board Amendments**

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STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Karen Kwan**

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**LONG TITLE**

**General Description:**

This bill modifies the composition of the Public Land Management Advisory Board.

**Highlighted Provisions:**

This bill:

- adds as a member of the Public Land Management Advisory Board:
  - the state historic preservation officer or the officer's designee; and
  - the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration or the director's designee; and
- makes technical and conforming changes.

**Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

None

**Other Special Clauses:**

None

**Utah Code Sections Affected:**

AMENDS:

**63L-9-104**, as renumbered and amended by Laws of Utah 2017, Chapter 451

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*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

Section 1. Section **63L-9-104** is amended to read:

**63L-9-104 . Public Land Management Advisory Board.**

- (1) There is created the Public Land Management Advisory Board.
- (2) The board consists of the following [11] 13 members:
  - (a) the lieutenant governor, or the lieutenant governor's designee;
  - (b) the state historic preservation officer, created in Section 9-8a-202, or the state historic preservation officer's designee;
  - (c) the director of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration, created in Section 53C-1-201, or the director's designee;

[~~(b)~~] (d) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of oil, gas, and mining;

[~~(e)~~] (e) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of agriculture;

[~~(d)~~] (f) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of outdoor recreation;

[~~(e)~~] (g) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of environmental groups;

[~~(f)~~] (h) three representatives, appointed by the governor, who represent the interests of county commissioners;

[~~(g)~~] (i) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of rural transportation;

[~~(h)~~] (j) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of wildlife management; and

[~~(i)~~] (k) one representative, appointed by the governor, who represents the interests of forest management.

(3)(a) Members [~~shall be~~] are appointed for a term of four years.

(b) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsection (3)(a), the governor shall, at the time of appointment or reappointment, adjust the length of terms of the members described in Subsections [~~(2)(b)~~] (2)(d) through [~~(i)~~] (k) to ensure that the terms of board members are staggered so that half of the appointed board is appointed every two years.

(4) A member may serve more than one term.

(5) A member shall hold office until the expiration of the member's term and until the member's successor is appointed, but not more than 90 days after the expiration of the member's term.

(6) When a vacancy occurs in the membership for any reason, the governor shall appoint a replacement[~~shall be appointed~~] for the remainder of the unexpired term.

(7) The board shall elect annually a chair and a vice chair from the board's members.

(8)(a) The board shall meet at least quarterly.

(b) Special meetings may be called by the chair upon:

(i) the chair's own initiative[~~, upon~~] ;

(ii) the request of the director[~~, or upon~~] ; or

(iii) the request of at least three members of the board.

(c) [~~Three days' notice shall be given to~~] The chair shall notify each member of the board  
at least three days before a meeting.

(9) [~~Six~~] Seven members constitute a quorum at a meeting, and the action of a majority of  
members present is the action of the board.

(10) A member may not receive compensation or benefits for the member's service, but  
may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:

(a) Section 63A-3-106;

(b) Section 63A-3-107; and

(c) rules made by the Division of Finance pursuant to Sections 63A-3-106 and  
63A-3-107.

Section 2. **Effective Date.**

This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.