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of the
SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

The Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislature of the State of Utah met in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol Complex and virtually in the Tenth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 20, 2026.

The Senate was called to order at 4:06 p.m., with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Keven Stratton

Pledge – Senator Wayne Harper

Phalin Flowers, Secretary of the Senate, read the following communication:

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the close of the 2026 General Session of the 66th Legislature of the State of Utah, certain matters have arisen which require immediate legislative attention; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 6 of the Constitution of the State of Utah provides that the governor may, by proclamation, convene the Senate into Extraordinary Session; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, Governor of the State of Utah, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Utah, do by this Proclamation call the Senate only of the 66th Legislature of the State of Utah into the Tenth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 20th day of May 2026, at 4:00 p.m., for the following purpose:

For the Senate to consent to appointments made by the Governor to positions within state government of the State of Utah since the close of the 2026 General Session of the Legislature of the State of Utah.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, this 19th day of May 2026.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present

President Adams appointed Senator Johnson to notify the Governor’s representative that the Senate is convened in the Tenth Extraordinary Session.

Senator Johnson advised the Senate that the Governor’s representative has been notified of the convening of the Tenth Extraordinary Session.

On motion of Senator Stevenson, the same rules, joint rules, and interim rules adopted for the 2026 Ninth Extraordinary Session were adopted as the rules for the Tenth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty–sixth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 16, 2026
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Patricia Kuendig as a Judge of the Third District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A–10–101, et seq. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Ms. Kuendig.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: May 14, 2026
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on May 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Patricia Kuendig to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Third District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Patricia Kuendig on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Adams, J. | Balderree, H. | Blouin, N. | Buss, E. |
| Cullimore, K. | Escamilla, L. | Fillmore, L. | Harper, W. |
| Hinkins, D. | Ipson, D. | Johnson, J. | Kwan, K. |
| McCay, D. | McKell, M. | Millner, A. | Musselman, C. |
| Owens, D. | Plumb, J. | Riebe, K. | Sandall, S. |
| Stevenson, J. | Stratton, K. | Vickers, E. | Weiler, T. |
| Wilson, C. | Winterton, R. | | |

Absent were: Senators

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| Brammer, B. | Grover, K. | Pitcher, S. |
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Patricia Kuendig spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 16, 2026
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Todd Olsen as a Judge of the Third District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A-10-101, et seq. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Olsen.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: May 14, 2026
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on May 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Todd Olsen to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Third District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Todd Olsen on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Adams, J. | Balderree, H. | Blouin, N. | Buss, E. |
| Cullimore, K. | Escamilla, L. | Fillmore, L. | Harper, W. |
| Hinkins, D. | Ipson, D. | Johnson, J. | Kwan, K. |
| McCay, D. | McKell, M. | Millner, A. | Musselman, C. |
| Owens, D. | Plumb, J. | Riebe, K. | Sandall, S. |
| Stevenson, J. | Stratton, K. | Vickers, E. | Weiler, T. |
| Wilson, C. | Winterton, R. | | |

Absent were: Senators

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Todd Olsen spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 16, 2026
 I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Jack Burns as a Judge of the Fifth District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A-10-101, et seq. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Burns.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: May 14, 2026
 The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on May 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Jack Burns to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Fifth District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Jack Burns on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Adams, J. | Balderree, H. | Blouin, N. | Buss, E. |
| Cullimore, K. | Escamilla, L. | Fillmore, L. | Harper, W. |
| Hinkins, D. | Ipson, D. | Johnson, J. | Kwan, K. |
| McCay, D. | McKell, M. | Millner, A. | Musselman, C. |
| Owens, D. | Plumb, J. | Riebe, K. | Sandall, S. |
| Stevenson, J. | Stratton, K. | Vickers, E. | Weiler, T. |
| Wilson, C. | Winterton, R. | | |

Absent were: Senators

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Jack Burns spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 16, 2026
 I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Bryan Pattison as a Judge of the Fifth District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A-10-101, et seq. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Pattison.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: May 14, 2026
 The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on May 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Bryan Pattison to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Fifth District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Bryan Pattison on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Adams, J. | Balderree, H. | Blouin, N. | Buss, E. |
| Cullimore, K. | Escamilla, L. | Fillmore, L. | Harper, W. |
| Hinkins, D. | Ipson, D. | Johnson, J. | Kwan, K. |
| McCay, D. | McKell, M. | Millner, A. | Musselman, C. |
| Owens, D. | Plumb, J. | Riebe, K. | Sandall, S. |
| Stevenson, J. | Stratton, K. | Vickers, E. | Weiler, T. |
| Wilson, C. | Winterton, R. | | |

Absent were: Senators

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| Brammer, B. | Grover, K. | Pitcher, S. |
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Bryan Pattison spoke in Committee of the Whole.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the Committee of the Whole was dissolved.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 1, 2026
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointment:

Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services:

Nate Checketts is appointed as the new inspector general of Medicaid services for the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services, for a four-year term to expire on April 6, 2030. See Utah Code 63A-13-201(2)(a) and 63A-13-201(4)(a).

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointment.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Mr. President:

April 13, 2026

In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Davis Technical College Board of Trustees:

Tamara Tran is reappointed as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire March 21, 2030. See Utah Code 53H-3-205(2)(c)(ii)(C).

Brandon Howard is reappointed as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire March 21, 2030. See Utah Code 53H-3-205(2)(c)(ii)(C).

Health Data Committee:

Mary Laughlin is appointed to replace Stephen Foxley as a member who is an insurance payer representative for the Health Data Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 26B-1-413(6)(f)(iii).

Land Conservation Board:

Tammy Pearson is reappointed as a member who is a local elected official for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(d).

Amelia Powers Gardner is reappointed as a member who is a local elected official for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(d).

Kathleen Alder is reappointed as a member who is a local elected official for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(d).

Kari Malkovich is appointed to replace Celeste Johnson as a member who is a local elected official for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(d).

Sam Morgan is appointed to replace Ron Iacono as a member of the residential construction industry, nominated by an association representing Utah home builders for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(ii).

Sam Aplanap is reappointed as a member from the real estate industry, nominated by an association representing Utah realtors for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(iii).

Wade Garrett is reappointed as a member representing farmers, selected from a list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing farmers for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(iv).

Jeff Young is appointed to replace Brent Tanner as a member representing cattlemen, selected from a list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing cattlemen for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(v).

Sierra Nelson is reappointed as a member representing wool growers, selected from a list of nominees submitted by at least one association representing wool growers for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(vi).

Megan Nelson is reappointed as a member representing land trusts for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(vii).

Jon White is reappointed as a member who represents an association representing conservation districts for the Land Conservation Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 4-46-201(1)(e)(viii).

Permanent Community Impact Fund Board:

Greg Miles is reappointed as a member who is a locally elected official from the county that produced the most mineral lease money related to oil extraction for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, a term to expire May 27, 2030. See Utah Code 35A-8-304(1)(h)(i).

Matt Tippets is appointed to replace Jack Lytle as a member who is a locally elected official who resides in Duchesne, Daggett, or Uintah County for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, a term to expire May 27, 2030. See Utah Code 35A-8-304(1)(f).

Private Activity Bond Review Board:

Joey Granger is appointed to replace Curtis Koch as a member who is an elected or appointed county official, nominated by the Utah Association of Counties for the Private Activity Bond Review Board, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 35A-8-2103(1)(b)(i).

Alison McCoy is appointed to replace Nicole Rosenberg as a member who is an elected or appointed county official, nominated by the Utah Association of Counties for the Private Activity Bond Review Board, a term to expire April 20, 2030. See Utah Code 35A-8-2103(1)(b)(i).

Real Estate Commission:

Rick Southwick is reappointed as a member who has at least five years' experience in the real estate business for the Real Estate Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2030. See Utah Code 61-2f-103(4)(b)(i).

Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees:

Brooke MacNaughtan is appointed to replace Roger Howard as a member of the Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire July 1, 2028. See Utah Code 53H-3-205(2)(c)(ii)(D).

Securities Commission:

Dawn Dachenhausen is reappointed as a member who represents the securities industry for the Securities Commission, a term to expire June 21, 2030. See Utah Code 61-1-18.5(3)(a)(i).

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: May 5, 2026
The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 5, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Matt Tippetts as a member of the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board; and

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 5, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Joey Granger as a member of the Private Activity Bond Review Board; and

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 5, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Alison McCoy as a member of the Private Activity Bond Review Board.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: May 6, 2026
The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 6, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Tamara Tran as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 6, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Brandon Howard as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 6, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Brooke MacNaughtan as a member of the Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: April 27, 2026
The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 27, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Mary Laughlin as a member of the Health Data Committee; and

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on April 27, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Nate Checketts as the inspector general of Medicaid services for the Office of the Inspector General of Medicaid Services.

Keith Grover, Chair

Mr. President: May 18, 2026
The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 18, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kari Malkovich to the Land Conservation Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 18, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Sam Morgan to the Land Conservation Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 18, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jeff Young to the Land Conservation Board.

Derrin Owens, Chair

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On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointments as read by staff on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 25; Nays, 0; Absent, 4.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Adams, J. | Balderree, H. | Blouin, N. | Buss, E. |
| Cullimore, K. | Escamilla, L. | Fillmore, L. | Harper, W. |
| Hinkins, D. | Ipson, D. | Johnson, J. | Kwan, K. |
| McCay, D. | Millner, A. | Musselman, C. | Owens, D. |
| Plumb, J. | Riebe, K. | Sandall, S. | Stevenson, J. |
| Stratton, K. | Vickers, E. | Weiler, T. | Wilson, C. |
| Winterton, R. | | | |

Absent were: Senators

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| Brammer, B. | Grover, K. | McKell, M. | Pitcher, S. |
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Adams directed Senator Johnson to notify the Governor's representative that the Senate has concluded its business in the Tenth Extraordinary Session.

Senator Johnson reported that the Governor's representative has been notified that the Senate has concluded its business in the Tenth Extraordinary Session.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 4:51 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.