

**STATE OF UTAH**  
**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**TENTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION**  
**of the**  
**SIXTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE**

*The Senate of the Sixty-fifth 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, September 18th, 2024.*

The Senate was called to order at 4:11 p.m. with President Pro Tempore Evan J. Vickers presiding.

**Prayer** – Senator Kirk Cullimore  
**Pledge** – Senator Michael Kennedy

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

**PROCLAMATION**

Senators: September 18, 2024

WHEREAS, since the close of the 2024 General Session of the 65th 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 65th Legislature of the State of Utah into the Tenth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 18th day of September 2024, 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 2024 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 18th day of September 2024.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson  
Lieutenant Governor

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**Roll call** – All Senators present except President Adams and Senators Grover, Harper, and Stevenson, excused

President Pro Tempore Vickers appointed Senator McKell to notify the Governor’s representative that the Senate is convened in the Tenth Extraordinary Session.

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

On motion of Senator Buxton, the same rules, joint rules, and interim rules adopted by the 2024 Fourth Special Session were adopted as the rules for the Tenth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty–fifth Legislature.

### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: August 19, 2024

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

**Board of the Utah Geological Survey:**

Kenneth Fleck is reappointed as a member representing the Mineral Industry for the Board of the Utah Geological Survey, a term to expire March 31, 2027. See Utah Code 79–3–302(2)(b).

Elissa Richards is reappointed as a member who is interested in the goals of the survey and from the public at large for the Board of the Utah Geological Survey, a term to expire March 31, 2027. See Utah Code 79–3–302(2)(d).

**Youth Parole Authority:**

David Loden is appointed to replace H. Craig Hall as a Part-Time Member for the Youth Parole Authority, a term to expire April 1, 2027. See Utah Code 80-5-701(2)(a).

**Utah Communications Authority Board:**

Mara Brown is appointed to replace Gary Whatcott as the member nominated by the Utah League of Cities and Towns, for the Utah Communications Authority Board, the remainder of the term to expire August 1, 2025. See Utah Code 63H-7a-203(2)(a)(iv).

I hereby certify that the individuals listed in this letter meet the legal requirements for the respective positions. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

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Mr. President:

September 13, 2024

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

**Utah Water Agent:**

Joel Ferry is appointed as the Utah Water Agent, a term to expire July 1, 2030. See Utah Code 73-10g-702.

I hereby certify that the individuals listed in this letter meet the legal requirements for the respective positions. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

President Pro Tempore Vickers stated that a majority of the Senate President, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader voted to waive the 30-day requirement for the appointment of Joel Ferry as the Utah Water Agent.

**CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. President: August 16, 2024

The Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee met on September 13, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of David Loden as a member for the Youth Parole Authority.

Michael S. Kennedy, Chair

Mr. President: September 16, 2024

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environmental Confirmation Committee met on September 16, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Joel Ferry as the State Water Agent.

Scott D. Sandall, Chair

Mr. President: September, 2024

The Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Confirmation Committee met on September 16, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Mara Brown as a member of the Utah Communications Authority Board.

Todd Weiler, Acting Chair

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On motion of Senator Bramble, the Senate voted to consent to the Governor’s appointments on the following roll call vote:

**Yeas, 25; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 4.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

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| Balderree H. | Blouin N.    | Bramble C.  | Buxton D.  |
| Cullimore K. | Escamilla L. | Fillmore L. | Hinkins D. |
| Ipson D.     | Johnson J.   | Kennedy M.  | Kwan K.    |
| McCay D.     | McKell M.    | Millner A.  | Owens D.   |
| Pitcher S.   | Plumb J.     | Riebe K.    | Sandall S. |
| Thatcher D.  | Vickers E.   | Weiler T.   | Wilson C.  |
| Winterton R. |              |             |            |

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Adams J.

Grover K.

Harper W.

Stevenson J.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

President Pro Tempore Evan J. Vickers directed Senator McKell to notify the Governor's representative that the Senate has concluded its business in the Tenth Extraordinary Session.

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

On motion of Senator Millner, and at 4:23 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.