

STATE OF UTAH**SENATE JOURNAL****ELEVENTH 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 Eleventh Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 16, 2024.

The Senate was called to order at 4:13 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator John Johnson

Pledge – Senator Luz Escamilla

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

PROCLAMATION

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 Eleventh Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 16th day of October 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 15th day of October 2024.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present except Senators Buxton, Grover, and Millner, excused

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 17, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Meb Anderson 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. Together with this letter, I am forwarding the information detailed in Utah Code Section 67–1–2(2).

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 10, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on October 10, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Meb Anderson 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 Sandall, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Meb Anderson on the following roll call vote:

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

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Blouin N.	Bramble C.
Cullimore K.	Escamilla L.	Harper W.	Hinkins D.
Ipson D.	Johnson J.	Kennedy M.	Kwan K.
McCay D.	McKell M.	Owens D.	Pitcher S.
Plumb J.	Riebe K.	Sandall S.	Stevenson J.
Thatcher D.	Vickers E.	Weiler T.	Wilson C.
Winterton R.			

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Buxton D.	Fillmore L.	Grover K.	Millner A.
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Meb Anderson spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 17, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Ryan Christiansen 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. Together with this letter, I am forwarding the information detailed in Utah Code Section 67-1-2(2).

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 10, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on October 10, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Ryan Christiansen 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 Sandall, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Ryan Christiansen on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 24; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 5.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Blouin N.	Bramble C.
Cullimore K.	Escamilla L.	Harper W.	Hinkins D.
Ipson D.	Johnson J.	Kennedy M.	Kwan K.
McCay D.	McKell M.	Owens D.	Pitcher S.
Plumb J.	Sandall S.	Stevenson J.	Thatcher D.
Vickers E.	Weiler T.	Wilson C.	Winterton R.

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Buxton D.	Fillmore L.	Grover K.	Millner A.
Riebe K.			

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Ryan Christiansen spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 27, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Jared Anderson as a Judge of the Fourth District Juvenile Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A-10-101, et seq. Together with this letter, I am forwarding the information detailed in Utah Code Section 67-1-2(2).

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 10, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on October 10, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Jared Anderson to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Fourth District Juvenile Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Sandall, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Jared Anderson on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 23; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 6.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Blouin N.	Cullimore K.
Escamilla L.	Harper W.	Hinkins D.	Ipson D.
Johnson J.	Kennedy M.	Kwan K.	McCay D.
McKell M.	Owens D.	Pitcher S.	Plumb J.
Sandall S.	Stevenson J.	Thatcher D.	Vickers E.
Weiler T.	Wilson C.	Winterton R.	

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Bramble C.	Buxton D.	Fillmore L.	Grover K.
Millner A.	Riebe K.		

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Jared Anderson spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: October 2, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed John Nielsen 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. Together with this letter, I am forwarding the information detailed in Utah Code Section 67-1-2(2).

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 10, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on October 10, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for John Nielsen 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 Sandall, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of John Nielsen on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 21; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 8.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Blouin N.	Cullimore K.
Escamilla L.	Harper W.	Hinkins D.	Ipson D.
Johnson J.	Kennedy M.	Kwan K.	McCay D.
McKell M.	Owens D.	Plumb J.	Sandall S.
Stevenson J.	Vickers E.	Weiler T.	Wilson C.
Winterton R.			

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Bramble C.	Buxton D.	Fillmore L.	Grover K.
Millner A.	Pitcher S.	Riebe K.	Thatcher D.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge John Nielsen spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 16, 2024

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

Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission:

Falyn Owens is appointed to replace Natalie Randall as a commissioner for the Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2025. See Utah Code 32B-2-201.

Utah Privacy Commission:

Don J. Wood is appointed to replace Quinn Fowers as the member who provides internet technology services for a county or municipality, for the Utah Privacy Commission, the remainder of the term to expire May 1, 2027. See Utah Code 63C-24-201(2)(b)(i).

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

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 3, 2024

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on October 3, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of FalyN Owens as a Commissioner for the Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission.

Curtis Bramble, Chair

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

Yeas, 24; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 5.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Blouin N.	Bramble C.
Cullimore K.	Escamilla L.	Fillmore L.	Harper W.
Hinkins D.	Ipson D.	Johnson J.	Kennedy M.
Kwan K.	McCay D.	McKell M.	Owens D.
Pitcher S.	Plumb J.	Sandall S.	Stevenson J.
Thatcher D.	Vickers E.	Wilson C.	Winterton R.

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Buxton D.	Grover K.	Millner A.	Riebe K.
Weiler T.			

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: October 7, 2024

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

University of Utah Board of Trustees:

Curt Doman is appointed to replace James Sorenson as a member of the University of Utah Board of Trustees, a term to expire on June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 53B-2-104.

I hereby certify that the individual listed in this letter meets the legal requirements for the respective position. Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointment.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 11, 2024

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee met on October 11, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Curt Doman as a member of the University of Utah Board of Trustees.

Lincoln Fillmore, Chair

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President Adams stated that a majority of the Senate President, Majority Leader, and Minority Leader voted to waive the 30-day requirement for the appointment of Curt Doman to the University of Utah Board of Trustees.

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On motion of Senator Bramble, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Curt Doman on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 24; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 5.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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| Adams J. | Balderree H. | Blouin N. | Bramble C. |
| Cullimore K. | Escamilla L. | Fillmore L. | Harper W. |
| Hinkins D. | Ipson D. | Johnson J. | Kennedy M. |
| Kwan K. | McCay D. | McKell M. | Owens D. |
| Pitcher S. | Plumb J. | Sandall S. | Stevenson J. |
| Thatcher D. | Vickers E. | Wilson C. | Winterton R. |

Absent or not voting were: Senators

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| Buxton D. | Grover K. | Millner A. | Riebe K. |
| Weiler T. | | | |

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 16, 2024
 In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointment:

Transportation Commission:

Bruce Adams is appointed to replace Lew Cramer as a member representing the state at large from Salt Lake City for the Transportation Commission, a term to expire April 1, 2027. See Utah Code 72-1-301(2)(a)(ii).

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

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 7, 2024
 The Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Confirmation Committee met on October 7, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Bruce Adams to be confirmed as a member of the Transportation Commission.

Wayne Harper, Chair

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On motion of Senator Bramble, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Bruce Adams on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 19; Nays, 5; Absent or not voting, 5.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Bramble C.	Cullimore K.
Fillmore L.	Harper W.	Hinkins D.	Ipson D.
Johnson J.	Kennedy M.	McCay D.	McKell M.
Owens D.	Sandall S.	Stevenson J.	Thatcher D.
Vickers E.	Wilson C.	Winterton R.	

Voting in the negative were: Senators

Blouin N.	Escamilla L.	Kwan K.	Pitcher S.
Plumb J.			

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Buxton D.

Grover K.

Millner A.

Riebe K.

Weiler T.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The Senate held a moment of silence in remembrance of the passing of former Senator Ralph Okerlund. Senators Vickers and Escamilla commented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

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

On motion of Senator Vickers, and at 5:04 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.