

**STATE OF UTAH****SENATE JOURNAL****TWELFTH 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 Twelfth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2024.*

The Senate was called to order at 4:21 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

**Prayer** – Senator Stevenson

**Pledge** – Senator McKell

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 Twelfth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 20th day of November 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 19th day of November 2024.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson  
Lieutenant Governor

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**Roll call** – All Senators present.

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

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Mr. President:

October 30, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Judge Ryan Evershed as a Judge of the Second District Juvenile 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 Judge Evershed.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

**CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. President: November 14, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on November 14, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Judge Ryan Evershed to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Second District Juvenile Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Ryan Evershed 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.	Bramble C.
Buxton D.	Cullimore K.	Fillmore L.	Harper W.
Hinkins D.	Ipson D.	Kwan K.	McCay D.
McKell M.	Owens D.	Pitcher S.	Plumb J.
Riebe K.	Stevenson J.	Thatcher D.	Vickers E.
Weiler T.	Wilson C.	Winterton R.	

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Escamilla L.	Grover K.	Johnson J.	Kennedy M.
Millner A.	Sandall S.		

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Evershed 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 30, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Kasey Wright as a Judge of the Fourth 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. Wright.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

**CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. President: November 14, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on November 14, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Kasey Wright to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Fourth District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Kasey Wright 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.	Bramble C.
Buxton D.	Cullimore K.	Fillmore L.	Harper W.
Hinkins D.	Ipson D.	Kwan K.	McCay D.
McKell M.	Owens D.	Pitcher S.	Plumb J.
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**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Escamilla L.	Grover K.	Johnson J.	Kennedy M.
Millner A.	Sandall S.		

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Wright 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 21, 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:**

Neil Burk is appointed to replace Samuel Quigley as a representative of the mineral industry for the Board of the Utah Geological Survey, a term to expire April 30, 2027. See Utah Code 79-3-302(2)(b).

**Child Care Provider Licensing Committee:**

Alanna Brickly is reappointed as a member who is a pediatrician licensed in the state for the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 26B-1-414(1)(d)(i)(D).

Jody Zabriskie is reappointed as a member who is an owner or director with an active Child Care Center license with at least five years of experience for the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee, a term to expire on June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 26B-1-414(1)(b)(i).

**Utah Digital Health Service Commission:**

Matthew McCullough is reappointed as the telehealth digital health service consumer advocate, for the Utah Digital Health Service Commission, a term to expire October 1, 2028. See Utah Code 26B-1-409(3)(f)(vi).

**Utah Indigent Defense Commission:**

Paul Dodd is appointed to replace Ryan Loose as a member recommended by the Utah League of Cities and Towns, for the Utah Indigent Defense Commission, a term to expire June 15, 2024. See Utah Code 78B-22-402(1)(b)(viii).

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: November 6, 2024

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on November 6, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Alanna Brickley as a member of the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee.

Michael S. Kennedy, Chair

Mr. President: November 6, 2024

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on November 6, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jody Zabriskie as a member of the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee.

Michael S. Kennedy, Chair

Mr. President: November 6, 2024

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on November 6, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Matthew McCullough as a member of the Utah Digital Health Service Commission.

Michael S. Kennedy, Chair

Mr. President: November 6, 2024

The Senate Judiciary Confirmation Committee met on November 6, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Paul Dodd as a member of the Utah Indigent Defense Commission.

Michael S. Kennedy, Chair

Mr. President: November 4, 2024

The Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Confirmation Committee met on November 4, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Jeff Acerson to be confirmed as a member of the Utah Transit Authority Board of Trustees.

Wayne A. Harper, 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, 23; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 6.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

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

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Escamilla L.            Grover K.            Johnson J.            Kennedy M.  
Millner A.            Sandall S.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

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

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