

**STATE OF UTAH**  
**SENATE JOURNAL**  
**THIRTEENTH 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 Thirteenth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 18, 2024.*

The Senate was called to order at 4:10 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

**Prayer** –Senator Kennedy

**Pledge** –Senator Sandall

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 Thirteenth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 18th day of December 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 17th day of December 2024.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson  
Lieutenant Governor

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**Roll call** – All Senators present

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

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

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Mr. President: November 20, 2024  
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Cameron Beech as a Judge of the Eighth 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. Beech.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

### **CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. President: December 16, 2024  
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on December 16, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Cameron Beech to be confirmed to the position of Judge in Utah Eighth District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

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On motion of Senator Pitcher, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Cameron Beech on the following roll call vote:

**Yeas, 29; Nays,0; Absent or not voting, 0.**

**Voting in the affirmative were: Senators**

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Blouin N.	Bramble C.
Buxton D.	Cullimore K.	Escamilla L.	Fillmore L.
Grover K.	Harper W.	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.	Stevenson J.
Thatcher D.	Vickers E.	Weiler T.	Wilson C.
Winterton R.			

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Beech 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 17, 2024

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

**State Records Committee:**

Todd Sheeran is appointed to replace Nancy Dean as a member representing political subdivisions, as recommended by the Utah League of Cities and Towns for the State Records Committee, a term to expire May 31, 2028. See Utah Code 63G-2-501(1)(e).

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

Mr. President: October 21, 2024

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

**State Records Committee:**

Jeffrey Marshall is appointed to replace Mark Buchanan an individual in the private sector whose profession requires the individual to create or manage records, for the State Records Committee, a term to expire September 30, 2028. See Utah Code 63G-2-501(1)(a).

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

Mr. President:

November 1, 2024

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

**State Records Committee:**

Logan Wilde is appointed to replace Marie Cornwall as the citizen member, for the State Records Committee, a term to expire September 30, 2028. See Utah Code 63G-2-501(1)(d).

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

Mr. President:

November 18, 2024

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

**Board of Pardons and Parole:**

Scott Stephenson is reappointed as the chair for the Board of Pardons and Parole a term to expire February 28, 2029. See Utah Code 77-27-2(1)(b).

**Drinking Water Board:**

Philip Bondurant is appointed to replace Jeff Coombs as a representative from the public who is trained and experienced in public health for the Drinking Water Board, a term to expire July 27, 2028. See Utah Code 19-4-103(1)(b)(vii).

**Child Care Provider Licensing Committee:**

Ariel Baker is appointed to replace Jamie Bitton as a member who is an owner in or director of a Child Care Center with an active license and at least five plus years of

experience for the Child Care Provider Licensing Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 26B-1-414(1)(b)(i).

**Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services:**

Tiffany Clason is reappointed as the Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services, a term to expire February 3, 2029. See Utah Code 32B-2-205.

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 25, 2024  
The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on November 25, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Tiffany Clason to be confirmed as the Director of the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Services; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on November 25, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Jeffrey Marshall to be confirmed as a member of the State Records Committee; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on November 25, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Todd Sheeran to be confirmed as a member of the State Records Committee; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on November 25, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Logan Wilde to be confirmed as a member of the State Records Committee.

Curtis Bramble, Chair

Mr. President: December 4, 2024  
The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on December 4, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Ariel Baker as a member of the Child Care Licensing Committee.

Michael S. Kennedy, 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, 28; Nays, 1; Absent or not voting, 0.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

Adams J.	Balderree H.	Bramble C.	Buxton D.
Cullimore K.	Escamilla L.	Fillmore L.	Grover K.
Harper W.	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.	Stevenson J.	Thatcher D.
Vickers E.	Weiler T.	Wilson C.	Winterton R.

**Voting in the negative was:** Senator

Blouin N.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Mr. President: September 30, 2024  
 Dr. Joel Ehrenkranz, a member of the Compassionate Use Board has vacated his position and the Utah Department of Health and Human Services would like the Utah Senate to consider voting to confirm Dr. Kristin Becker as the new board member.

Utah Code 26B-1-421 (1) establishes the qualifications for Compassionate Use Board Membership. They include registration as a qualified medical provider with the Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Medical Cannabis, knowledge about the medicinal use of cannabis, professional licensure in Utah as a physician, and board certification.

Thank you for your timely consideration of Dr. Kristin Becker as a Board appointee.

Tracy Gruber, Director

Mr. President: October 4, 2024  
 Dr. Michael Chen, a member of the Compassionate Use Board has vacated his position and the Utah Department of Health and Human Services would like the Utah Senate to consider voting to confirm Dr. Alyxandra Williams as the new board member.

Utah Code 26B-1-421 (1) establishes the qualifications for Compassionate Use Board Membership. They include registration as a qualified medical provider with the Department of Health and Human Services’ Center for Medical

Cannabis, knowledge about the medicinal use of cannabis, professional licensure in Utah as a physician, and board certification.

Thank you for your timely consideration of Dr. Alyxandra Williams as a Board appointee.

Tracy Gruber, Director

**CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. President: December 4, 2024  
The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on December 4, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kristin Becker as a member of the Compassionate Use Board; and

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on December 4, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Alyxandra Williams as a member of the Compassionate Use Board.

Michael S. Kennedy, 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, 29; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 0.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

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| Adams J.     | Balderree H. | Blouin N.    | Bramble C.   |
| Buxton D.    | Cullimore K. | Escamilla L. | Fillmore L.  |
| Grover K.    | Harper W.    | 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.   | Stevenson J. |
| Thatcher D.  | Vickers E.   | Weiler T.    | Wilson C.    |
| Winterton R. |              |              |              |

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

President Adams directed Senator Wilson to notify the Governor’s representative that the Senate has concluded its business in the Thirteenth Extraordinary Session.

Senator Wilson reported that Governor’s representative has been notified that the Senate has concluded its business in the Thirteenth Extraordinary Session.

On motion of Senator Vickers, and at 4:42 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.