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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 First Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 15, 2025.

The Senate was called to order at 4:00 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Jerry Stevenson

Pledge – Senator Chris Wilson

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the close of the 2025 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 First Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 15th day of April 2025, 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 2025 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 14th day of April 2025.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present, except

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

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

On motion of Senator Wilson, the same rules, joint rules, and interim rules adopted by the 2025 General Session were adopted as the rules for the First Extraordinary Session of the Sixty–sixth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: February 20, 2025
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Thaddeus May 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. May.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: April 2, 2025
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on April 2, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for Thaddeus (Tad) May 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 Brammer, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Thaddeus May on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 24; Nays, 0; Absent, 5.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams	Balderree	Brammer	Cullimore
Escamilla	Grover	Ipson	Johnson
Kwan	McCay	McKell	Millner
Musselman	Owens	Plumb	Riebe
Sandall	Stevenson	Stratton	Thatcher
Vickers	Weiler	Wilson	Winterton

Absent were: Senators

Blouin	Fillmore	Harper	Hinkins
Pitcher			

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Thaddeus May spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President:

February 19, 2025

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

Utah Department of Environmental Quality:

Tim Davis is appointed to replace Kim Shelley as the executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality. See Utah Code 19-1-104(2).

I hereby certify that the individual listed in this letter meets the legal requirement 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: February 24, 2025
The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on February 24, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Tim Davis as the executive director of the Utah Department of Environmental Quality.

Derrin Owens, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: February 21, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointment:

Utah Department of Corrections:

Jared Garcia is appointed to replace Brian Redd as the executive director of the Utah Department of Corrections. See Utah Code 64-13-3(1).

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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: February 25, 2025
The Senate Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Confirmation Committee held a meeting on February 25, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jared Garcia as executive director of the Utah Department of Corrections.

Don Ipson, Chair

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: February 28, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointment:

Utah Department of Financial Institutions:

Shaun Berrett is appointed to replace Darryle Rude as the commissioner of the Utah Department of Financial Institutions. See Utah Code 7-1-202.

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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: April 2, 2025
The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Shaun Berrett as the commissioner of the Utah Department of Financial Institutions.

Luz Escamilla, Chair

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On motion of Senator Stevenson, the Senate voted to consent to the appointments of Tim Davis, Jared Garcia, and Shaun Berret on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 28; Nays, 0; Absent, 1.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams	Balderree	Blouin	Brammer
Cullimore	Escamilla	Grover	Fillmore
Harper	Hinkins	Ipson	Johnson
Kwan	McCay	McKell	Millner
Musselman	Owens	Plumb	Riebe
Sandall	Stevenson	Stratton	Thatcher
Vickers	Weiler	Wilson	Winterton

Absent was: Senator
Pitcher

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: March 17, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Air Quality Board:

Michelle Bujdoso is reappointed as a member who represents the fuels industry, for the Air Quality Board, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 19-2-103(1)(b)(iv).

Sonja Norton is reappointed as a government representative who does not represent the federal government, for the Air Quality Board, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 19-2-103(1)(b)(ii).

Dave Spence is appointed to replace Kevin Cromar as a public member who is trained and experienced in public health, for the Air Quality Board, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 19-2-103(1)(b)(vii).

Seth Lyman is appointed to replace Randy Martin as a member who is not connected with industry; is an expert in air quality matters; and is a scientist with relevant training and experience in air quality matters, for the Air Quality Board, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 19-2-103(1)(b)(i).

Colton Norman is appointed to replace Cassady Kristensen as a member who represents the mining industry, for the Air Quality Board, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 19-2-103(1)(b)(iii).

Board of Aging and Adult Services:

Jeremy Cunningham is reappointed as a member for the Board of Aging and Adult Services for the remainder of the term to expire April 30, 2029. See Utah Code 26B-1-426.

Board of Economic Opportunity:

Vic Hockett is reappointed as a member associated with higher education for the Board of Economic Opportunity, a term to expire March 15, 2029. See Utah Code 63N-1a-401(1)(b)(iii).

Clint Morris is appointed to replace Kira Slawson as the public at-large member for the Board of Economic Opportunity, a term to expire March 15, 2029. See Utah Code 63N-1a-401(1)(b)(v).

Board of State History:

Emma Moss is appointed to replace Jami Van Huss as a member for the Board of State History, a remainder of the term to expire October 31, 2026. See Utah Code 9-8-204(2).

Molly Cannon is reappointed as a member for the Board of State History, a term to expire October 31, 2028. See Utah Code 9-8-204(2).

Board of the Utah Geological Survey:

Becky Hammond is reappointed as a member who is knowledgeable of the economic or scientific interests of the mineral industry for the Board of the Utah Geological Survey, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 79-3-302(2)(c).

Riley Brinkerhoff is reappointed as a member who represents the oil and gas industry for the Board of the Utah Geological Survey, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 79-3-302(2)(b).

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council:

John Crofts is appointed to replace Randy Elliott as the Davis County representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, a term to expire December 31, 2029. See Utah Code 73-32-302(2)(a)(vi)(B).

Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees:

Jamison Robinett is appointed to replace Eric Packer as the business representative for the Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(2)(c)(ii)(D).

Transportation Commission:

Thomas Jacobson is appointed to replace Naghi Zeenati as a member representing Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Washington and Wayne counties, for the Transportation Commission, a term to expire April 1, 2031. See Utah Code 72-1-301.

Water Quality Board:

Jeannie Simmonds is appointed to replace Carly Castle as a government representative who does not represent the federal government, for the Water Quality Board, a term to expire August 31, 2028. See Utah Code 19-5-103(1)(b)(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:

April 14, 2025

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Vic Hockett as a member of the Board of Economic Opportunity; and

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Clint Morris as a member of the Board of Economic Opportunity; and

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Molly Cannon as a member of the Board of State History; and

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Emma Moss as a member of the Board of State History.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: April 14, 2025
The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Seth Lyman as a member of the Air Quality Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Colton Norman as a member of the Air Quality Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Dave Spence as a member of the Air Quality Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of John Crofts as a representative for the Water Quality Board; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee met on April 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jeannie Simmonds as a representative for the Water Quality Board.

Derrin Owens, Chair

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

Yeas, 28; Nays, 0; Absent, 1.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams	Balderree	Blouin	Brammer
Cullimore	Escamilla	Grover	Fillmore
Harper	Hinkins	Ipson	Johnson
Kwan	McCay	McKell	Millner
Musselman	Owens	Pitcher	Plumb
Riebe	Sandall	Stevenson	Stratton
Thatcher	Vickers	Wilson	Winterton

Absent was: Senator

Weiler

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

On motion of Senator Harper, the Senate rescinded the appointment of Thomas Jacobson to the Transportation Commission for further review and to hold a Senate confirmation committee hearing for the appointment.

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

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

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 4:26 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.