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of the
SIXTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

The Senate of the Sixty-sixth Legislature of the State of Utah met in the Senate Chamber at the State Capitol Complex and virtually in the Second Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2025.

The Senate was called to order at 4:14 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Keven Stratton

Pledge – Senator Ronald Winterton

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 Second Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 21st day of May 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 20th day of May 2025.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present, except

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 16, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointment:

Utah Department of Agriculture and Food:

Kelly Pehrson is appointed to replace Craig Buttars as the commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food. See Utah Code 4–2–104.

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: May 20, 2025
The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee met on May 20, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for

Kelly Pehrson as the commissioner of the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.

Derrin Owens, Chair

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On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Kelly Pehrson on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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

Absent were: Senators

Grover	Sandall	Wilson
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Kelly Pehrson spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President:

April 21, 2025

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

Ogden–Weber Technical College Board of Trustees:

Cori Anderson is reappointed as a member of the Ogden–Weber Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B–2a–108(2)(c)(ii)(B).

Christine Jacobson–Ware is reappointed as a member of the Ogden–Weber Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code53B–2a–108(2)(c)(ii)(B).

School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees:

Brian Tarbet is appointed to replace Warren Peterson as a member appointed from a list submitted by SITLA Board Nominating Committee for the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2031. See Utah Code 53C-1-202(4)(a).

Snow College Board of Trustees:

Clinton Painter is appointed to replace Randy Cox as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Gail Albrecht is appointed to replace Heather Groom as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Kimberly Moss is appointed to replace Karen Soper as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Rusty T. Bastian is appointed to replace Rick Robinson as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Michael Barton is appointed to replace Jeffrey Kahn as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

State Money Management Council:

Sheila Srivastava is appointed to replace K. Wayne Cushing as an elected public treasurer member for the State Money Management Council, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 51-7-16(1)(b)(ii).

Title and Escrow Commission:

Kim Cruz is appointed to replace Kim Holbrook as a member who is an employee of a title insurer for the Title and Escrow Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 31A-2-403(1)(a)(i).

Transportation Commission:

Bruce Adams 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(2)(a)(i).

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

Tooele Technical College Board of Trustees:

Yvonne Nieson is appointed to replace Paul Ogilvie as a member of the Tooele Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(2)(c)(i)(A).

David Douglas is appointed to replace Dave Haskell as a member of the Tooele Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(2)(c)(i)(A).

Aaron Stagg is appointed to replace Erin Trinchitella as a member of the Tooele Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(2)(c)(i)(A).

Jeremy Dangerfield is appointed to replace Aaron Peterson as a member of the Tooele Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(2)(c)(i)(A).

Utah Arts and Museums Advisory Board:

Juan Carlos Claudio is reappointed as a member who represents theatre and dance for the Utah Arts and Museums Advisory Board, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 9-6-301(3)(a)(v).

Robb Alexander is reappointed as a member who is knowledgeable in or appreciative of the arts or museums for the Utah Arts and Museums Advisory Board, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 9-6-301(3)(c).

Utah Housing Corporation Board of Trustees:

Lori Fleming is reappointed as a member representing the real estate industry for the Utah Housing Corporation Board of Trustees, a term to expire April 1, 2031. See Utah Code 63H-8-201(2)(d)(ii).

Rob Allphin is reappointed as a member representing the mortgage lending industry for the Utah Housing Corporation Board of Trustees, the remainder of a term to expire April 1, 2027. See Utah Code 63H-8-201(2)(d)(ii).

Utah State Retirement Board:

Karl Wilson is reappointed as a member experienced in banking and investments for the Utah State Retirement Board, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 49-11-202(1)(a).

Utah Tech University Board of Trustees:

Deven Macdonald is reappointed as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Patricia Jones is reappointed as a member for the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Lincoln Nadauld is reappointed to replace Colleen Kvetko as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Shawn Guzman is appointed to replace David Elkington as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2027. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Natalie Ashby is appointed to replace Ginger Chin as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Kristan Norton is appointed to replace Tiffany Wilson as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

Rick Atkin is appointed to replace Mitchell Cloward as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2027. See Utah Code 53B-2-104(2)(a).

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:

May 19, 2025

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 19, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kim Cruz as a member of the Title and Escrow Commission; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 19, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Sheila Srivastava as a member of the State Money Management Council.

Evan Vickers, Chair

Mr. President: May 7, 2025

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Natalie Ashby as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Rick Atkin as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 1, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Shawn Guzman as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Lincoln Nadauld as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 1, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kristan Norton as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Gail Albrecht as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 1, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Michael Barton as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 1, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Rusty Bastian as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kimberly Moss as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 1, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Clinton Painter as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: May 20, 2025

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 20, 2025, and reports a favorable

recommendation for the appointment of Brian Tarbet as a member of the School and Institutional Trust Lands Board of Trustees.

Derrin Owens, Chair

Mr. President: May 5, 2025
 The Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 5, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Rob Allphin as a member of the Utah Housing Corporation Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 5, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Lori Fleming as a member of the Utah Housing Corporation Board of Trustees; and

The Senate Retirement and Independent Entities Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 5, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Karl Wilson as a member of the Utah State Retirement Board.

Wayne Harper, Chair

Mr. President: April 30, 2025
 The Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Confirmation Committee met on April 30, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for Bruce Adams to be confirmed as a member of the Transportation Commission; and

The Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Confirmation Committee met on April 30, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for Thomas Jacobson to be confirmed as a member of the Transportation Commission.

Wayne Harper, Chair

On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointments of Bruce Adams and Thomas Jacobson to the Transportation Commission on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams	Balderree	Blouin	Brammer
Cullimore	Escamilla	Fillmore	Harper

Hinkins	Ipson	Johnson	Kwan
McCay	McKell	Millner	Musselman
Owens	Pitcher	Plumb	Riebe
Stevenson	Stratton	Thatcher	Vickers
Weiler	Winterton		

Absent were: Senators

Grover	Sandall	Wilson
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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, 26; Nays, 0; Absent, 3.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams	Balderree	Blouin	Brammer
Cullimore	Escamilla	Fillmore	Harper
Hinkins	Ipson	Johnson	Kwan
McCay	McKell	Millner	Musselman
Owens	Pitcher	Plumb	Riebe
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Absent were: Senators

Grover	Sandall	Wilson
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Senator Ipson declared a conflict of interest; he is engaged to be married to Kristan Norton, who is appointed to the Utah Tech Board of Trustees.

PROCLAMATION

A citation was presented honoring Mae Johnson’s academic and athletic achievements.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

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

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 4:46 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.