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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 Sixth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, October 15, 2025.

The Senate was called to order at 4:12 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Chris Wilson

Pledge – Senator Wayne Harper

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 Sixth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 15th day of October 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 15th day of October 2025.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present, Senator Millner excused

President Adams appointed Senator Johnson to notify the Governor's representative that the Senate is convened in the Sixth Extraordinary Session.

Senator Johnson advised the Senate that the Governor's representative has been notified of the convening of the Sixth Extraordinary Session.

On motion of Senator Cullimore, the same rules, joint rules, and interim rules adopted by the 2025 Fifth Extraordinary Session were adopted as the rules for the Sixth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty-sixth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 3, 2025
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Todd Hilbig 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. Hilbig.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: October 10, 2025
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on October 10, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for Todd Hilbig 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 Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Todd Hilbig on the following roll call vote:

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

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, S.	Balderree, H.	Blouin, N.	Brammer, B.
Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.	Harper, W.
Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.	Kwan, K.
McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Musselman, C.	Owens, D.
Sandall, S.	Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Thatcher, D.
Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.	Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K.	Millner, A.	Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.
Riebe, K.			

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Cullimore, Judge Todd Hilbig spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: September 15, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Board of Aging and Adult Services:

Jess Dalton is appointed to replace Dena Simmons as a member of the Board of Aging and Adult Services, the remainder of the term to expire April 1, 2029. See Utah Code 26B-1-426.

Kevin Hinton is appointed to replace Anna Dresel as a member of the Board of Aging and Adult Services, the remainder of the term to expire April 1, 2029. See Utah Code 26B-1-426.

Board of Pardons and Parole:

Brett Varoz is appointed to replace J. Scott Stephenson as a full-time member of the Board of Pardons and Parole, a term to expire February 28, 2029. See Utah Code 77-27-2 (2)(a)(i).

Board of State History:

Robert Goldberg is appointed to replace Ignacio Garcia as a member of the Board of State History, the remainder of the term to expire on April 1, 2029. See Utah Code 26B-1-426

Board of Economic Opportunity:

Jeremy Andrus is appointed to replace Brad Bonham as a member associated with direct entrepreneurship in the state, for the Board of Economic Opportunity, the remainder of the term to expire January 31, 2028. See Utah Code 63N-1a-401(1)(b)(ii).

Real Estate Commission:

Andrea Wilson is reappointed as a member of the Real Estate Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 61-2f-103(4)(b).

State Money Management Council:

Mark Packard is reappointed as a member who is experienced in banking for the State Money Management Council, a term to expire March 1, 2029. See Utah Code 51-7-16(1)(b)(i).

State Charter School Board:

Nate Marshall is appointed to replace Rabecca Cisneros as a member nominated by an organization representing Utah's charter schools, and has expertise in developing or administering a charter school of the State Charter School Board, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2026. See Utah Code 53G-5-201(2)(b)(ii).

Utah Behavioral Health Commission:

Josie White is appointed to replace Julie Hardle as a member who has lived experience with a mental disorder of the Utah Behavioral Health Commission, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2026. See Utah Code 26B-5-702(2)(b).

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of the above appointments.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President:

October 14, 2025

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on October 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Andrea Wilson as a member of the Real Estate Commission.

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee met on October 14, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Mark Packard as a member of the State Money Management Council.

Evan Vickers, Chair

Mr. President: September 30, 2025
The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee met on September 30, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment Jeremy Andrus as a member on the Board of Economic Opportunity.

The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee met on September 30, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Robert Goldberg as a member of the Board of State History.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: October 3, 2025
The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on October 3, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Nate Marshall as a member of the State Charter School Board.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: September 25, 2025
The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on September 25, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jess Dalton as a member of the Board of Aging and Adult Services.

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on September 25, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kevin Hinton as a member of the Board of Aging and Adult Services.

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on September 25, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Josie White as a member of the Utah Behavioral Health Commission.

Keith Grover, Chair

Mr. President:

October 7, 2025

The Senate Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Confirmation Committee held a meeting on October 7, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Brett Varoz as a full-time member of the board of Pardons and Parole.

Don Ipson, Chair

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On motion of Senator Hinkins, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Jeremy Andrus to the Board of Economic Opportunity on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 23; Nays, 2; Absent, 4.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, S.	Balderree, H.	Brammer, B.	Cullimore, K.
Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.	Harper, W.	Hinkins, D.
Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.	Kwan, K.	McCay, D.
McKell, M.	Musselman, C.	Owens, D.	Sandall, S.
Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.	Thatcher, D.	Vickers, E.
Weiler, T.	Wilson, C.	Winterton, R.	

Voting in the Negative were: Senators

Blouin, N. Riebe, K.

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K. Millner, A. Pitcher, S. Plumb, J.

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

Yeas, 25; Nays, 0; Absent, 4.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, S.	Balderree, H.	Blouin, N.	Brammer, B.
Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Fillmore, L.	Harper, W.
Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.	Kwan, K.
McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Musselman, C.	Owens, D.
Riebe, K.	Sandall, S.	Stevenson, J.	Stratton, K.
Thatcher, D.	Vickers, E.	Weiler, T.	Wilson, C.
Winterton, R.			

Absent were: Senators

Grover, K.

Millner, A.

Pitcher, S.

Plumb, J.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

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

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 4:36 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.