

STATE OF UTAH
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SIXTH 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 Sixth Extraordinary Session at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 3, 2024.

The Senate was called to order at 4:41 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Curtis Bramble

Pledge – Senator Don Ipson

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the close of the 2023 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 Sixth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 3rd day of January 2024, at 4:30 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 2023 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 2nd day of January 2024.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present except Senator Thatcher

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

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

On motion of Senator Buxton, the Senate voted to adopt the rules of the 2023 Fifth Extraordinary Session as the rules for the Sixth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty-fifth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: November 17, 2023
I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Stephen Nelson 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.

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Nelson.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: December 14, 2023
The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on December 14, 2023, and reports a favorable recommendation for Stephen Nelson to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Third District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Stephen Nelson on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 28; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 1

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Balderree	Blouin	Bramble	Buxton
Cullimore	Escamilla	Fillmore	Grover
Harper	Hinkins	Ipson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kwan	McCay	McKell
Millner	Owens	Pitcher	Plumb
Riebe	Sandall	Stevenson	Vickers
Weiler	Wilson	Winterton	Adams

Absent or not voting were: Senators

Thatcher

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Stephen Nelson spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: November 27, 2023

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Brian Bolinder as a Judge of the Seventh District Court, pursuant to Article VIII, Section 8 of the Utah Constitution and Utah Code Section 78A-10-101.

Thank you for your timely consideration and confirmation of Mr. Bolinder.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: December 14, 2023

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on December 14, 2023, and reports a favorable recommendation for Brian Bolinder to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Seventh District Court.

Todd Weiler, Chair

On motion of Senator Weiler, the Senate voted to consent to the appointment of Brian Bolinder on the following roll call vote:

Yeas, 27; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 2

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Balderree	Blouin	Bramble	Buxton
Cullimore	Escamilla	Fillmore	Grover
Harper	Hinkins	Ipson	Johnson
Kennedy	Kwan	McKell	Millner
Owens	Pitcher	Plumb	Riebe
Sandall	Stevenson	Vickers	Weiler
Wilson	Winterton	Adams	

Absent or not voting were: Senators

McCay	Thatcher
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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Brian Bolinder spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

President Adams directed Senator Weiler to notify the Governor's representative that the Senate has concluded its business.

Senator Weiler reported that the Governor's representative has been notified that the Senate has concluded its business.

On motion of Senator Vickers, and at 5:03 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.