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SEVENTH 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 Seventh Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024.

The Senate was called to order at 4:16 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Harper

Pledge – Senator Stevenson

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 Seventh Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 17th day of April 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 16th day of April 2024.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present

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

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

On motion of Senator Buxton, Senate Rules of the 2024 General Session were adopted as the rules for the Seventh Extraordinary Session of the Sixty-fifth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President:

March 18, 2024

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

Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board:

Sonya Martinez-Ortiz is appointed to replace Julee Smith as a victim advocate member for the Crime Victim Reparations and Assistance Board, a term to expire April 15, 2027. See Utah Code 63M-7-504(1)(b)(vi).

Davis Technical College Board of Trustees:

Kristina Brown is appointed to replace Michael Henry as a business representative member for the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(3)(a).

Morgan Sutherland is appointed to replace Chris DeHerrera as a business representative for the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(3)(a).

Grand County Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees:

Ben Wilson is appointed to replace Preston Paxman as a representative of the Grand County water district for the Grand County Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2028. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c)(i).

Steve Getz is appointed to replace Jerry McNeely as a representative of the Grand County water district for the Grand County Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2028. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c)(i).

Great Salt Lake Advisory Council:

Jeff Richards is reappointed as the migrating bird protection area representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 73-32-302(2)(a)(iv).

Joseph Havasi is reappointed as the extractive industry representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 73-32-302(2)(a)(i).

Elizabeth Kitchens is appointed to replace Dave Livermore as the conservation interest representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 73-32-302(2)(a)(iii).

Dina Blaes is reappointed as the Salt Lake County representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 73-32-302(2)(a)(vi)(C).

Ogden-Weber Technical College Board of Trustees:

Sara Toliver is appointed to replace Mark Jenkins as a business representative member for the Ogden-Weber Technical College Board of Trustees, the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2025. See Utah Code 53B-2a-108(3)(a).

Public Service Commission:

Jerry Fenn (R) is appointed to replace Thad Levar as a member for the Public Service Commission, the remainder of the term to expire March 1, 2027. See Utah Code 54-1-1.5.

Permanent Community Impact Fund Board:

Scott Bartholomew is reappointed as a locally elected official who resides in Juab, Millard, Sanpete, Sevier, Piute, or Wayne County, for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 35A-8-304(1)(e).

Jerry Taylor is reappointed as a locally elected official who resides in Beaver, Iron, Washington, Garfield, or Kane County, for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 35A-8-304(1)(g).

State Tax Commission:

Jennifer Fresques is reappointed as a commissioner for the State Tax Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Constitution Article XIII, Section 6.

Utah Athletic Foundation Board of Directors:

Janice Ugaki is appointed to replace Bob Wheaton as the Summit County representative for the Utah Athletic Foundation Board of Directors, a term to expire March 1, 2027. See SJR 1 Passed February 3, 2007 and Bylaws of Utah Athletic Foundation.

Utah Transportation Commission:

Brad Dee is appointed to replace Donna Law as an at-large member representing Cedar City for the Utah Transportation Commission, the remainder of the term to expire March 31, 2029. See Utah Code 72-1-301(2)(a)(ii).

I hereby certify that the individuals listed in these letters 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 11, 2024

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 11, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jeff Richards as the migrating bird protection area representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 11, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Joseph Havasi as the extractive industry representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 11, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Elizabeth Kitchens as the Conservation Interest representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council; and

The Senate Natural Resources, Agriculture, and Environment Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 11, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the reappointment of Dina Blaes as the Salt Lake County representative for the Great Salt Lake Advisory Council.

Scott D. Sandall, Chair

Mr. President: April 15, 2024

The Senate Revenue and Taxation Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 15, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jennifer Fresques as a Commissioner of the State Tax Commission.

Daniel McCay, Chair

Mr. President: April 15, 2024

The Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Confirmation Committee met on April 15, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Jerry Fenn to be confirmed as a member of the Public Service Commission; and

The Senate Transportation, Public Utilities, Energy, and Technology Confirmation Committee met on April 15, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Brad Dee to be confirmed as a member of the Transportation Commission as an at-large member representing Cedar City.

Wayne A. Harper, Chair

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On motion of Senator Bramble, the Senate voted to consent to the Governor's appointments on the following roll call vote:

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

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	Thatcher
Vickers	Weiler	Wilson	Winterton
Adams			

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Mr. President:

January 29, 2024

Dr. Angelo Giardino, a member of the Compassionate Use Board has vacated his position and the Utah Department of Health and Human Services would like the Utah State Senate to consider voting to confirm Dr. Gary Bosshardt as the new board member.

The purpose of this letter is to request the State Senate's immediate consideration of the confirmation of Dr. Gary Bosshardt to the Board.

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.

Dr. Gary Bosshardt meets the requirements for licensure, board certification, and knowledge of medical cannabis as outlined in the Act. Dr. Gary Bosshardt is a general pediatrician who received his medical degree from the University of Utah School of Medicine. He completed his residency at Penn State Children's Hospital. He is board-certified by the American Board of Pediatrics and holds Fellow status with the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Dr. Gary Bosshardt as a Board appointee.

Tracy S. Gruber,
Executive Director
Utah Department of Health
and Human Services

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: April 5, 2024

The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 5, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Dr. Gary Bosshardt 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 appointment of Dr. Gary Bosshardt on the following roll call vote:

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

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Balderree	Blouin	Bramble	Buxton
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

Senator Millner reported that Governor’s representative has been notified that the Senate has concluded its business.

On motion of Senator Vickers, and at 4:35 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.