

STATE OF UTAH
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EIGHTH EXTRAORDINARY SESSION
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 Eighth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 18, 2025.

The Senate was called to order at 4:13 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Wayne Harper

Pledge – Senator Don Ipson

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 Eighth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 18th day of December 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 17th day of December 2025.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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President Adams administered the Oath of Office to the newly-appointed Senator Emily Buss.

Roll call – All Senators present, Senator Owens absent.

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

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

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

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: October 20, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointment:

Utah Victim Services Commission:

Sol Oberg is appointed as chair for the Utah Victim Services Commission, a term to expire January 1, 2028. See Utah Code 63M-7-903(1)(a).

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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Mr. President: November 18, 2025
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67-1-1 and 67-1-2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees:

Brad Wells is reappointed as a member representing Duchesne County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Randy Vincent is reappointed as a member representing Uintah County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Wade Garner is reappointed as a member representing Utah County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Kevin Anderson is appointed to replace Eldon Neves as a member representing Utah County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Jon Bronson is reappointed as a member representing Salt Lake County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Greg McPhie is reappointed as a member representing Wasatch County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Steve Farrell is reappointed as a member representing Wasatch County, for the Central Water Conservancy District Board of Trustees, a term to expire January 31, 2030. See Utah Code 17B-2a-1005(2)(c).

Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services:

Neil Erickson is appointed as the interim inspector general for the Office of Medicaid Services, a term set to expire February 24, 2026. See Utah Code 67-1-1.5(6)(b).

Securities Commission:

Roger Silvers is appointed to replace Mark Zimbelman as a public member of the Securities Commission, a term to expire October 31, 2029. See Utah Code 61-1-18.5(3)(a)(iv)

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

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: December 3, 2025
The Senate Health and Human Services Confirmation Committee met on December 3, 2025, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Neil Erickson as the interim inspector general for the Office of Inspector General of Medicaid Services.

Keith Grover, Chair

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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, 27; Nays, 0; Absent, 1.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

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

Absent were: Senators

Owens, D.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

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

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 4:23 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.