

**STATE OF UTAH**

**SENATE JOURNAL**

**EIGHTH 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 Eighth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 15, 2024.*

The Senate was called to order at 4:09 p.m. with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

**Prayer** – Senator Balderree

**Pledge** – Senator Cullimore

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 Eighth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 15th day of May 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 14th day of May 2024.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson  
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present except Senators Buxton and Millner, excused

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

Senator Escamilla 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 Senate Rules of the 2024 Seventh Extraordinary Session were adopted as the rules for the Eighth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty–fifth Legislature.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

A Moment of Silence was held to honor fallen Santaquin Police Sergeant, Bill Hooser.

### **COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR**

Mr. President:

April 17, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Richard Pehrson 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. Pehrson.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

**CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. President: May 14, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on May 14, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Richard Pehrson to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Third District Court.

Daniel McCay, Acting Chair

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

**Yeas, 25; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 4.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

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

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Bramble	Buxton	Grover	Millner
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**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Richard Pehrson spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

By leave of the body, Senator Bramble cast an aye vote to confirm the appointment of Richard Pehrson. The revised vote is as follows:

**Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 3.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

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

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Buxton	Grover	Millner
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### COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: April 17, 2024

I am pleased to inform you that I have appointed Richard Daynes 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. Daynes.

Spencer J. Cox  
Governor

### CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: May 14, 2024

The Senate Judicial Confirmation Committee met on May 14, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for Richard Daynes to be confirmed to the position of Judge in the Utah Third District Court.

Daniel McCay, Acting Chair

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

**Yeas, 26; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 3.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

Balderree	Blouin	Bramble	Cullimore
Escamilla	Fillmore	Harper	Hinkins

Ipson	Johnson	Kennedy	Kwan
McCay	McKell	Owens	Pitcher
Plumb	Riebe	Sandall	Stevenson
Thatcher	Vickers	Weiler	Wilson
Winterton	Adams		

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators  
 Buxton                      Grover                      Millner

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

On motion of Senator Vickers, Judge Richard Daynes spoke in Committee of the Whole.

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

**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 appointment:

**Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission:**

Tara Thue (R) is reappointed as the commissioner for the Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 32B-2-201.

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Mr. President: March 25, 2024

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

**Utah System of Higher Education:**

Geoffrey Landward is appointed as the commissioner of the Utah System of Higher Education. See Utah Code 53B-1-408.

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Mr. President: April 15, 2024

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

**Board of Tourism Development:**

Joan Hammer is appointed to replace Sara Toliver as the representative for the Utah Tourism Industry Coalition for the Board of Tourism Development, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 63N-7-201(5)(e).

**Real Estate Commission:**

James Bringhurst is reappointed as a member with at least five years of experience in the real estate business for the Real Estate Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 61–2f–103(4)(b)(i).

**Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board:**

Kris B. Poulson is reappointed as a state–certified residential appraiser for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 61–2g–204(1)(a)(ii).

I hereby certify that the individuals listed in this letter 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: May 1, 2024

The Senate Education Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 1, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Geoffrey Landward as the Commissioner for the Utah System of Higher Education.

Lincoln Fillmore, Chair

Mr. President: March 27, 2024

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on March 27, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Tara Thue as the Commissioner for the Alcoholic Beverage Services Commission.

Curtis S. Bramble, Chair

Mr. President: May 8, 2024

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 8, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of James Bringhurst as a member with at least five years of experience in the real estate business for the Real Estate Commission; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on May 8, 2024, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Kris Poulson as a state–certified residential appraiser for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

Curtis S. Bramble, Chair

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

**Yeas, 25; Nays, 0; Absent or not voting, 4.**

**Voting in the affirmative were:** Senators

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

**Absent or not voting were:** Senators

Buxton	Grover	Millner	Pitcher
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**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

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

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

On motion of Senator Vickers, and at 4:39 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.