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NINTH 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 Ninth Extraordinary Session at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday,, April 16, 2026.

The Senate was called to order at 4:28 p.m., with President J. Stuart Adams presiding.

Prayer – Senator Jerry Stevenson

Pledge – Senator Ron Winterton

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

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, since the close of the 2026 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 Ninth Extraordinary Session at the Utah State Capitol in Salt Lake City, Utah, on the 16th day of April 2026, 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 2026 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 April 2026.

Spencer J. Cox
Governor

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor

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Roll call – All Senators present, except Senators Vickers and Stratton excused.

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

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

On motion of Senator McKell, the same rules, joint rules, and interim rules adopted for the 2026 General Session were adopted as the rules for the Ninth Extraordinary Session of the Sixty–sixth Legislature.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNOR

Mr. President: March 16, 2026
In accordance with Utah Code §§ 67–1–1 and 67–1–2, I propose and transmit the following appointments:

Drinking Water Board:

Justin Maughan is reappointed as a member who is a representative of a water district for the Drinking Water Board, a term to expire March 17, 2030. See Utah Code 19–4–103(1)(b)(iii).

Health Data Committee:

Mary Laughlin is appointed to replace Terri Nehorai as a member who is employed by or associated with a third–party payor that is not licensed under Title 31A, Chapter 8, Health Maintenance Organizations and Limited Health Plans; for the Health Data Committee, a term to expire June 30, 2028. See Utah Code 26B–1–413(6)(f)(i).

Permanent Community Impact Fund Board:

Danny Van Wagoner is appointed to replace Ralph Brown as a member who is a locally elected official from the county that: produced the most mineral lease

money related to coal extraction for the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board, a term to expire May 27, 2030. See Utah Code 35A-8-304(1)(j)(i).

Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission:

Steve Buhler is appointed to replace Jan Zogmaister as a member who is a mayor or municipal council member no more recently than four years before the date of appointment for the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission, a term to expire June 30, 2029. See Utah Code 63A-15-201(2)(b).

Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board:

Christopher Hansen is appointed to replace Jeffrey Morley as a member who is a state-certified general appraiser for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a term to expire July 1, 2028. See Utah Code 61-2g-204(1)(a)(iii).

Michael Brumble is appointed to replace Kelle Smart Okazaki as a member who represents a mortgage lender, as defined in Utah Code Section 70D-2-102 for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a term to expire July 1, 2030. See Utah Code 61-2g-204(1)(a)(vi)(B).

Jared Preisler is appointed to replace Keven Ewell as a member who is a state-certified residential appraiser for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a term to expire July 1, 2030. See Utah Code 61-2g-204(1)(a)(ii).

Joel Frost is appointed to replace Benjamin Brown as a alternate member for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a term to expire July 1, 2028. See Utah Code 61-2g-204(1)(b).

Steve Davidson is appointed to replace Richard Sloan as a member who is a state-licensed appraiser, state-certified residential appraiser, or state-certified general appraiser for the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board, a term to expire July 1, 2030. See Utah Code 61-2g-204(1)(a)(i).

Southern Utah University Board of Trustees:

Caytee Wankier, is reappointed as a member of the Southern Utah University Board of Trustees, a term to expire May 15, 2030. See Utah Code 53H-3-203.

Utah State Fairpark Authority Board of Directors:

Lillian Bayles is reappointed as a member who represents agricultural interests for the Utah State Fairpark Authority Board of Directors, a term to expire December 1, 2029. See Utah Code 11-68-301(2)(e)(i).

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STATEWIDE ASSOCIATION OF
PROSECUTORS**

Mr. President: March 9, 2026
Utah Code § 63M-7-1102 establishes the Prosecutor Conduct Commission (PCC) within the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ). That code also directs the Statewide Association of Prosecutors [and Public Attorneys] (SWAP) to appoint two PCC commission members with the advice and consent of the Senate.

SWAP submits the following individuals for the Senate's consideration for the following terms:

Tyson Skeen (Utah Bar #13361) to serve for an initial term of two years, until June 30, 2028.

Ryan McBride (Utah Bar #13079) to serve for an initial term of four years, until June 30, 2030.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Tyson Skeen and Ryan McBride as SWAP's nominees to the PCC.

Carl Hallan
Executive Director
Statewide Association of
Prosecutors

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM COMMISSION ON CRIMINAL AND
JUVENILE JUSTICE**

Mr. President: March 10, 2026
Utah Code 63M-7-1102 creates the Prosecutor Conduct Commission (PCC) under the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ). That same code directs the executive director of CCJJ, me, to appoint a member of the PCC.

I hereby respectfully submit the following individual for the Senate's consideration to serve as my appointee on the PCC:

William Leigh (Utah Bar #5307) to serve for an initial term of two–years, until June 30, 2028.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of William Leigh as my appointee on the PCC.

Tom Ross
Executive Director
Utah Commission on Criminal
and Juvenile Justice

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Mr. President: March 19, 2026
Utah Code § 63M–7–1102 creates the Prosecutor Conduct Commission (PCC) under the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ). That same code directs the Attorney General to appoint a member to the PCC.

As Attorney General, I hereby submit the following individual for the Senate’s consideration to serve as my appointee on the PCC:

Stewart Young (Utah Bar #14377) to serve for an initial term of four–years, until June 30, 2030.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of Stewart Young as the Attorney General’s appointee to the PCC.

Derek Brown
Utah Attorney General

CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. President: April 14, 2026
The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Michael Brumble as a member of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Steve Davidson as a member of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Joel

Frost as a member of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Christopher Hansen as a member of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board; and

The Senate Business and Labor Confirmation Committee held a meeting on April 14, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Jared Preisler as a member of the Real Estate Appraiser Licensing and Certification Board.

Evan Vickers, Chair

Mr. President: March 31, 2026
The Senate Economic Development and Workforce Services Confirmation Committee held a meeting on March 31, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for the appointment of Danny Van Wagoner as a member of the Permanent Community Impact Fund Board.

Ann Millner, Chair

Mr. President: April 1, 2026
The Senate Political Subdivisions Confirmation Committee met on April 1, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Stephen Buhler to be appointed as a member of the Political Subdivisions Ethics Review Commission, a term set to expire June 30, 2029; and

The Senate Political Subdivisions Confirmation Committee met on April 1, 2026, and reports a favorable recommendation for Lillian Bayles to be reappointed as a member of the Utah State Fairpark Authority Board of Directors, a term to expire on December 1, 2029.

Ron Winterton, Chair

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

Yeas, 28; Nays, 0; Absent, 1.

Voting in the affirmative were: Senators

Adams, J.	Balderree, H.	Blouin, N.	Brammer, B.
Buss, E.	Cullimore, K.	Escamilla, L.	Grover, K.

Hinkins, D.	Ipson, D.	Johnson, J.	Kwan, K.
McCay, D.	McKell, M.	Millner, A.	Musselman, C.
Owens, D.	Pitcher, S.	Plumb, J.	Riebe, K.
Sandall, S.	Stevenson, J.	Weiler, T.	Wilson, C.
Winterton, R.			

Absent was: Senator

Fillmore, L.	Harper, W.	Stratton, K.	Vickers, E.
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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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

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

On motion of Senator Cullimore, and at 4:41 p.m., the Senate adjourned sine die.