



Utah State Fairpark
Retirement & Independent Entities
Committee Hearing

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Purpose:

- Manage, supervise, and control activities relating to the annual exposition (Utah Code 63H-6-103 “Amended SB 173”)
- Bring economic opportunity to the Fairpark community by increasing the number of events hosted by the Fairpark.
- Promote and highlight agriculture
- Acquire, develop and designate expositions sites



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History

- The Utah State “Fair” as we know it today was created by territorial legislation before Utah received statehood. Desert agriculture and machine expo..DAM for short
- Moved to our current location in 1902
- Legislatures privatized the Fair by statute in 1995 “known as the state fair act”
- the Utah State Fair Corporation in a non profit independent state agency.



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State Involvement & Expectations

- The State of Utah is not liable for the corporations obligations, expenses, debits, and liabilities
- The corporation shall, following the close of each fiscal year, submit an annual report of it's activities for the preceding year to the governor and the legislature.
- Conduct an annual audit of the corporations finances, polices and procedures. The audit will be conducted by the state auditors office and the findings made public.



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Composition of governing board

- Director of division of facilities construction management or designee
- The commissioner of agriculture and food or designee
- Two members appointed by the Senate, who have business related experience and are not legislators
- Two members appointed by the Speaker of House, who have business related experience and are not legislators
- Four members appointed by the Governor with the consent of the Senate as follows. Two members who represent agriculture interests and two members with business experience
- One member appointed by the Mayor of Salt Lake City with the consent of the Senate, who is a resident of the neighborhood located adjacent to the state fairpark



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- A representative of Salt Lake County, if Salt Lake County is party to an executed lease agreement with the corporation
- A representative of the Days of 47 Rodeo, if the Days of 47 Rodeo is party to an executed lease agreement with the corporation
- A representative selected by Utah Farm Bureau to represent agriculture
- Board members shall serve (1) four year term that expires on December 1, for years after the year they were appointed
- In making appointments to the Board, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, the Governor, and the Mayor of Salt Lake City shall ensure that the terms of approximately $\frac{1}{4}$ of the appointed board expire each year. Except as provided in (3) (c) SB 173



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Composition of governing board
13 total members

- Roger Beattie Chairman
- Clay Nelson Vice Chairman
- Jim Russel DFCM
- LuAnn Adams Dept. Agriculture
- Jennifer Selig SLC
- David Lewis
- Traci Cowdell
- Ted Lewis
- Ginger Casper
- Nicolas Priskos
- Mike Kohler
- Paula Martin



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State Services Used

- Rick Management
- Utah Retirement Systems (noncontributory plan)
- Information Technology Services (Telecommunications)
- Purchasing Services
- Motor Pool Services