

DRAFT MINUTES

SENATE NATURAL RESOURCES, AGRICULTURE, AND ENVIRONMENT CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

Monday, May 18, 2026 | 4:00 p.m. | 110 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Derrin R. Owens, Chair
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. Jen Plumb
Sen. Scott D. Sandall
Sen. Keven J. Stratton

Members Absent:

Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Staff Present:

Julie Humberstone, Managing Policy Analyst
Naomi Garrow, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Owens called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. K. Riebe

2. Consideration of the Appointment of Jeff Young to the Land Conservation Board

Jeff Young gave an opening statement.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Jeff Young to the Land Conservation Board. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

3. Consideration of the Appointment of Kari Malkovich to the Land Conservation Board

Kari Malkovich gave an opening statement.

Chair Owens opened public comment.

Kael Weston, Federalism Commission, provided public comment.

Chair Owens closed public comment.

MOTION: Sen. Stratton moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Kari Malkovich to the Land Conservation Board. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

4. Consideration of the Appointment of Sam Morgan to the Land Conservation Board

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Sam Morgan to the Land Conservation Board.

Discussion to the motion.

Sen. Hinkins' motion to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Sam Morgan to the Land Conservation Board passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. D. Owens
Sen. J. Plumb
Sen. S. Sandall
Sen. K. Stratton

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

Chair Owens adjourned the meeting at 4:42 p.m.