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Utah Inland Port Authority

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Study Item

- Economic Development Authorities: Review economic development authorities such as MIDA, UIPA, Point of the Mountain, and other similar authorities. The reviews will examine their statutory purposes and if/how they are meeting their purpose.



Creation

- [11-58-201](#): The Utah Inland Port Authority (UIPA) is an independent, nonprofit, separate body corporate and politic, with perpetual succession; a political subdivision; a public corporation.
- UIPA is not a municipality.
- Created in 2018.



Purpose

- [11-58-201](#): The purpose of UIPA is to work in concert with applicable state and local government entities, property owners and private parties, and other stakeholders to facilitate development to maximize long-term economic and other benefit for the state.



Purpose: Economic Development 11-58-203

- (1)(a) Maximize long-term economic benefit to the area, region, and state.
- (1)(b) Create high-quality jobs.
- (1)(h) Facilitate the transportation of goods / (l) facilitate an intermodal facility.
- (1)(i) Coordinate trade-related opportunities / (n) facilitate an increase in trade / (o) promote the development of facilities that help connect local businesses to potential foreign markets.
- (1)(r) Pursue world-class businesses that employ cutting-edge technologies.



Purpose: Environmental 11-58-203

- (1)(c) Respect and maintain sensitivity to the natural environment of areas in proximity to the UIPA jurisdictional land and other project areas.
- (1)(d) Improve air quality and minimize resource use.
- (1)(q) Encourage the development and use of cost-efficient clean energy in project areas.
- (1)(s) Pursue land remediation and development opportunities for publicly owned land to add value to a project area



Board

- [11-58-301](#): The board is the governing body of UIPA, responsible for managing and conducting the business and affairs of the authority.
- [11-58-302](#): Board consists of eight members: five voting, three non-voting.
- Three voting members are governor-appointed, non-elected officials:
 - An individual engaged in statewide economic development or corporate recruitment and retention
 - An individual engaged in statewide trade, import and export activities, foreign direct investment, or public-private partnerships
 - An individual with relevant business expertise
- President of the Senate appoints one individual with relevant business expertise
- Speaker of the House appoints one individual with relevant business expertise
- Three non-voting members: two individuals with expertise in transportation and logistics and a member of the Salt Lake City Council who represents a council district whose boundary includes UIPA jurisdictional land



Project area required consent

- When creating a project area, [11-58-501](#) requires the board to receive written consent from the following to use land for a project:
 - The legislative body of the county in whose unincorporated area the land is located.
 - The legislative body of the municipality in which the land is located.
- Owners of land in a proposed project area have 45 days to request, in writing, the land be excluded from the project.



Questions?



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