

**THE UTAH LAKE AUTHORITY  
REGULARLY HELD MEETING**

**September 18, 2024, at 9:00 AM-11:00 AM**

<b>Seat</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Initials</b>	<b>Alternate</b>	<b>Initials</b>
Office on the web Frame	Utah Valley Chamber	Curtis Blair	X		
Utah DWQ	Utah DWQ	John Mackey		Scott Daly	X
Utah DNR	Utah DNR	Joel Ferry		Ben Stireman	X
Genola	Genola	Marty Larson			
Governor's Office	GO UTAH	Kamron Dalton			
Governor's Office	UVU	Hilary Hungerford	X		
Lehi	Lehi	Mark Johnson			
Lindon	Lindon	Carolyn Lundberg	X		
Orem	Orem	LaNae Millett			
Provo	Provo	Michelle Kaufusi	X	Isaac Paxman	
Saratoga Springs	Saratoga Springs	Chris Carn	X		
Utah County	Utah County	Tom Sakievich		Lisa Shepherd	
Utah House	Utah House	Brady Brammer			
Utah Senate	Utah Senate	Mike McKell			
Vineyard	Vineyard	Julie Fullmer		Amber Rasmussen	X
Visitors					
Gary Brimley					

The Utah Lake Authority board meeting on September 18, 2024, covered several key updates and initiatives. Ben Stireman announced public meetings and surveys for the Utah Lake comprehensive management plan. Carolyn Lundberg highlighted tours of the Timpanogos Special Services District site and upcoming wetlands projects. Luke Peterson reported on the inclusion of the nature center in the Governor's budget and progress on the Walkara Way project. Sam Braegger discussed the Eco counter project, recreation access plan, and interpretive signage. Heather McEwen, Anna Hall, and Addy Valdez detailed outreach, conservation, and restoration efforts, including planting parties and Phragmites treatment. The board approved the fiscal year 2025 budget amendment.

**1. Call to Order and Introductions**

- Sam Braegger initiates the meeting and asks Sarah Seeger to unmute.
- Carolyn Lundberg introduces herself as the chair filling in for Mayor Michelle Kafusi.
- Carolyn welcomes everyone to the board meeting and outlines the agenda.
- Members introduce themselves: Scott Daly, Ben Stireman, Hillary Hungerford, Curtis Blair, Carolyn Lundberg, Chris Carn, and Amber Rasmussen online.

## **2. Board Member Reports and Public Comment**

- Ben Stireman announces upcoming public meetings and surveys for the Utah Lake comprehensive management plan.
- Carolyn Lundberg shares her experience touring the Timpanogos Special Services District site and highlights ongoing improvements.
  
- Public comment: Gary Brimley informs the board about the Central Utah Water Conservancy District bringing water into Utah Lake from Strawberry Reservoir.
- No further public comments are made, and the meeting moves to the next agenda item.

## **3. Consent Items and Staff Reports**

- Carolyn Lundberg announces the postponement of consent items to a later point due to the lack of a quorum.
- Luke Peterson provides his report, highlighting ongoing projects and the inclusion of the nature center in the Governor's budget.
- Luke discusses the progress on the Wakara Way project, including the work of mediator Susan Podziba and the upcoming meetings with stakeholders.
- Luke mentions the collaboration with Bike Utah and Utah Open Lands for an EPA grant and the upcoming Utah Lake Symposium.

## **4. Staff Reports**

- Sam Braegger updates on the Eco counter project, which involves installing visitation counters at all 28 access points. He shared data collected from the counters and discussed the challenges and solutions for accurate counting.
- Sam provides an update on the recreation access plan, including the evaluation of current access points and potential future improvements. He also highlights other ongoing projects, including interpretive signage and mitigation bank discussions.
- Heather McEwen provides updates on recent and upcoming planting parties, scavenger hunt, and public planting parties with UVU students. She shares positive feedback from the scavenger hunt and highlights the upcoming Utah Lake Symposium.
- Heather mentions the collaboration with TSSD for wetland sod mats and the upcoming tree planting events.
- Heather discusses the importance of community outreach and the new planting page on the website.
- Anna Hall provides updates on various restoration projects, including graphics, social media updates, newsletter subscribers, and new t-shirts.
- Addy Valdez discusses the pollinator habitat grant and the logistics of planting 15,000 plants across four sites. She highlights the importance of ARPA dollars for vegetation restoration and conservation efforts. Addy also mentions the stormwater coalition and the ongoing partnership with Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

## **5. Public Hearing and Budget Amendment**

- Michelle Kafusi opens the public hearing for the fiscal year 2025 budget amendment.
- No public comments are made, and the public hearing is closed.
- Michelle calls for a motion to approve the amended 2025 budget, which is seconded and approved by the board.

## **6. Guest Presentation and Recognitions**

- Zoe Forster from Zofo Digital presents the market research report on Utah Lake, highlighting key findings and strategic opportunities.
- Zoe discusses the importance of recreational activities, water quality concerns, and the impact of stereotypes on perceptions of the lake.
- Zoe provides recommendations for improving public perception and engagement, including wildlife identification signs and educational initiatives.

## **7. Closed Session and Adjournment**

- The board moves into a closed session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.
- The closed session is followed by a motion to adjourn the meeting, which is seconded and approved by the board.
- The next board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 20, 2024, at 9am.