

SALT LAKE COUNTY
Council of Governments (COG)

Thursday, 21 January 2021, Noon

WebEx – Electronic Meeting – Information in COG email invite

NOTES

12:00 Public Meeting Begins

1. Welcome	Chair Dawn Ramsey	10 min
2. Previous minutes approval	Chair Dawn Ramsey	5 min
3. Election of 2021 chair, vice-chair and secretary/treasurer	Chair Dawn Ramsey	10 min
4. Wasatch Front Regional Council committee appts.	Andrew Gruber	10 min
5. Legislative update	Cameron Diehl	10 min
6. UTA five-year service plan	Carlton Christensen, Laura Hanson	10 min
7. Close Meeting	2021 COG Chair	

Present: Will Kocher, Dan Peay, Clint Smith, Kristie Overson, Tami Moody, Dirk Burton, Councilmember Kare, Ann Granato, Kris Nicholl, Shule Bishop, Abby Laver, Bart Barker, Kris Nicholl, Tami Moody, Dawn Ramsey, Carlton Christensen, Sam Klemm, Laura Hanson, Helen Peters, Aimee Winder-Newton, Angelo Papastamos, Gina Chamness, Joe Smolka, Andrew Gruber, Andy Whatcott, M Larsen, Dan Dugan, Jeff Silvestrini, Laura Hanson, Jenny Wilson, Tim Tingey, Gary Whatcott, WR3744, Lisa Hartman, Harris Sondak, Blair Camp

1. Please add your email to the distribution list Smartsheet so we can have updated contact information for COG.
2. Minutes to be approved later via email due to technological problems viewing them.
3. Vacancy because Michael Jensen is no longer w/ Salt Lake County. County represented by Mayor Wilson and a County Council Member. Nominations to fill vacancy. One Republican and one Democrat from County. Ann Granato currently serving. Jeff Silvestrini nominated Richard Snelgrove. Ann Granato seconds and includes Amy Winder-Newton as an alternate. Jeff also nominates Amy Winder-Newton as an alternate. Representatives from SL County are Mayor Wilson, Richard Snelgrove, Ann Granato, and Amy Winder-Newton as an alternate. Passed unanimously.

COG leadership vote to approve Kristie Overson as Chair and Dirk Burton as Vice Chair.

Unanimously approved. Need nominations for a new secretary. Jeff Silvestrini nominates Councilmember from Salt Lake City Dan Dugan. Unanimously approved.

COG Public Works committee opening. Nomination of Ann Granato by Dawn Ramsey. Jeff Silvestrini seconds. Unanimously approved.

4. Opening on WFRC Board to be appointed by COG. Andrew Gruber first gave an overview of WFRC to help people understand their work. Jeff Silvestrini nominated Aimee Winder-Newton. He noted he thinks it is important to have a County Councilmember on the Board because WFRC and the County collaborate on so many planning efforts. Seconded by Ann Granato. Unanimously approved.

Aimee Winder-Newton consequently gave up her seat on the Regional Growth Council at WFRC and nominated Richard Snelgrove to take her place. Seconded by Paula Flint. Unanimously approved.

Dawn Ramsey motioned to approve the other 2021 COG appointees to WFRC boards/committees as listed by WFRC in the shown document. Mayor Walker and Mayor Wilson seconded. Unanimous vote in favor.

5. Cameron Diehl from League of City and Towns presented. He sent out materials previously – policy guide he distributes to legislators. He wanted questions from the group. The League wants to always respect local government first. Issues of focus for League this year:

-Population growth and how it affects other issues (e.g. transportation, building) is an annual concern. Housing bills of particular concern this year. Trying to find consensus. 2020 was a record year for newly built housing.

- Law enforcement, trust in police etc. Also concerned about disciplined officers who move to work for a different jurisdiction following problems.

- Economic Development. New commission to align State and Local goals.

- Transportation.

- Pandemic.

Sign up for League's daily email blast during session. It will help you in your advocacy. League boards, leadership roles are an important way to be involved. Be in communication often with your legislator! Make sure they know how you will be in communication, set up that expectation.

6. Carlton Christensen and Laura Hanson presented updates to the 5-year plan. Growth in the region is rapidly increasing. UTA as a partner with your local planning – please communicate with them so they can better serve your residents and integrate transportation. Draft 5-year plan is currently out for public comment. Trying to really plan for the next 30 years but the 5-year plan is to facilitate implementation. Important elements: System-wide planning, expanded hours, core route network investment, new technologies, all-day service, and new projects. Different priorities for areas were highlighted and maps of route maps shown. (Presentation can be seen in recording of COG meeting online.) Pressures on West side particularly important to UTA's future plans. Councilmember Dugan asked that they keep the East foothills in mind, particularly the University of Utah and Research Park.
7. Dawn Ramsey thanked by various members of COG for her service. Motion to adjourn by Jeff Silvestrini. Seconded by Ann Granato. Unanimous.