

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2026

TRUSTEES PRESENT

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| Curt Doman | Alex Rose |
| Katie Eccles (Chair) | Bassam Salem |
| Kathi Garff | Randy Shumway |
| Christena Huntsman | Jamie Sorenson |
| Steve Miller (via Zoom) | |

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

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| Dmitro Bedrov | Chair, Materials Science and Engineering Department |
| Kris Bosman | Chief Alumni Relations Officer |
| Michelle Camacho | Dean, College of Social and Behavioral Science |
| Sierra Canela | Director for Student Governance and Leadership |
| Bob Carter | Executive Vice President, Health Sciences, and CEO, University of Utah Health |
| Jason Castillo | Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs, College of Social Work |
| Sarah Creem-Regher | Chair, Psychology Department |
| Troy D'Ambrosio | Chief of Staff, President's Office, and Vice President, Innovation |
| Jerome Davies | Chief Philanthropy Officer |
| Sean Grube | Associate Vice President, Housing and Dining Programs |
| Chase Hagood | Vice Provost for Student Success |
| Mark Harlan | Athletic Director |
| Jeff Herring | Chief Human Resources Officer |
| Steve Hess | Chief Information Officer |
| Lori Kaczka | Senior Director, Facilities |
| Teresa Kehl | Deputy Chief of Staff and Special Assistant to the First Lady, President's Office |
| Andrew King | Director, Construction Project Management |
| Paul Kohn | Sr. Vice Provost for Strategic Enrollment and Student Success |
| Jeff Labrum | Chief Operating Officer |
| Dan Lundergan | CEO, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics |
| Laura Marks | Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs |
| Alexis Matthews | Event Manager, President's Office |
| Lori McDonald | Vice President, Student Affairs |
| Brent Milne | President-elect, Academic Senate |
| Mitzi Montoya | Executive Vice President, Academic Affairs |
| Melody Murdock | Director, Strategic Communications |
| Chris Nelson | Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University |
| Philip Osteen | Dean, College of Social Work |
| Dave Patel | Managing Director, Strategic Economic Partnerships |
| Rob Patton | Executive Communications Manager |
| Jason Perry | Vice President, Government Relations |
| Wanda Pillow | Dean, College of Humanities |
| Christina Porucznik | Professor, Division of Public Health, and Vice Dean of Faculty for the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine |
| Richard Preiss | President, Academic Senate |

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| Annalisa Purser | Director of Board Governance, Policy and Operations |
| Taylor Randall | President |
| Jenn Reed | Sr. Associate Vice President, Auxiliary Services |
| David Roh | Chair, English Department |
| Jim Russell | Chief Facilities Officer |
| Pearl Sandick | Dean, College of Nursing |
| Josh Shulruff | Campus Dialogue Program Manager |
| Laura Snow | Interim Chief of Staff to the Executive Vice President for Health Sciences |
| Andrea Thomas | Chief Experience Officer |
| Michelle Thompson | Manager, Office of Student Experience |
| Phyllis Vetter | General Counsel and Vice President |
| Tony Wagner | Chief Financial Officer |
| Danny Wall | Administrative Director, Real Estate |
| Rebecca Walsh | Director, Public Relations & Communications |
| Heidi Woodbury | Vice President, University Advancement |

OTHERS

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| Rayshon Baker | ASUU Presidential Candidate |
| Carol Hand | ASUU Presidential Candidate |
| Jason Hilbig | ASUU Presidential Candidate |
| Geoffrey Landward | Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education |
| Karen Marriott | Incoming Trustee (subject to Senate confirmation) |
| Mason McCann | ASUU Presidential Candidate |
| Gabe Renteria | ASUU Presidential Candidate |
| Erica Stringham | ASUU Presidential Candidate |
| Students | |

CALL TO ORDER

Information: 1.01 – Welcome and Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:02 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Eccles welcomed Trustees and others in attendance.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the January 13 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Action (Consent): 2.02 – Faculty and Staff Matters (Appendix I)

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sabbatical Requests (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – Report of Investments Portfolio – for the Month of November (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Quarterly Investment Reports (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Capital Facilities Projects (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – University Leases (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – Name Change – Department of Family Medicine and Public Health (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – New Certificate – Acute Care Pediatric Nursing (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – New Certificate – Health Systems and Practice (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – New Certificate – Neonatal Nurse Practitioner (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – New Certificate – Primary Care Pediatric Nurse Practitioner (Appendix XI)

Action (Consent): 2.13 – New Certificate – Relation, Media, and Journalism (Appendix XII)

Action (Consent): 2.14 – Revise Policy – Policy 6-101: Undergraduate Study and Degrees (Appendix XIII)

Action (Consent): 2.15 – Approve Consent Agenda

Prior to the motion to approve the consent calendar, Trustee Randy Shumway, who chairs the Board's Academic Committee, highlighted that the new certificates on the consent agenda, as well as the new programs on the upcoming portion of the agenda are reflections of the University working to improve and meet the needs of the market.

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by Bassam Salem, second by Jamie Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and can be found online (in BoardDocs) with each agenda item or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Naming – Facilities in the Sencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine

Heidi Woodbury, VP for University Advancement presented item 3.01.

Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Medical Education Foyer: In recognition of a \$1,000,000 gift from the Larry H. & Gail Miller Family Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name a medical education foyer in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

Marriner S. Eccles Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience Suite: In recognition of a \$1,000,000 gift from the Marriner S. Eccles Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the Rural & Underserved Utah Training Experience Suite in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

G. Marsden Blanch, MD, and Lynette Blanch Classroom, Medical Student Lounge, and Otolaryngology Surgical Simulation Lab: In recognition of a \$1,200,000 gift from G. Marsden Blanch, MD, the University of Utah would like to name a classroom, lounge, and lab in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

William H. and Patricia W. Child Simulation Laboratory: In recognition of a \$2,500,000 gift from William and Patricia Child, the University of Utah would like to name a simulation laboratory in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

Emma Eccles Jones Student Welcome and Engagement Suite: In recognition of a \$3,000,000 gift from the Emma Eccles Jones Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the Student Welcome and Engagement Suite in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

Intermountain Health Collaboration Level: In recognition of a \$15,000,000 gift from Intermountain Health, the University of Utah would like to name the 5th level in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

Nora Eccles Harrison Forum: In recognition of a \$40,000,000 gift from the Nora Eccles Treadwell Foundation, the University of Utah would like to name the forum in the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine in their honor.

Motion to approve namings within the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine as presented by Bassam Salem, second by Christena Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – New Degree – Health and Human Services

Philip Osteen, Dean of the College of Social Work, and Jason Castillo, Associate Dean of Social Work, presented item 3.02.

The College of Social Work is proposing to establish a Bachelor of Health and Human Services (HHS) degree that emphasizes practice-based education, so students graduate with concrete, job-ready skills such as case management, crisis intervention, health education, community outreach and systems navigation. Unlike other pre-professional degrees that require immediate graduate study for career entry, the HHS program is intentionally structured to prepare graduates to enter the workforce directly in high-demand roles such as care coordinator, health navigator, behavioral health aide and human services specialist. The program also provides strong preparation for graduate degrees in social work, counseling, public health or healthcare administration. The HHS degree balances immediate employability with long-term academic and professional growth, giving students multiple options and pathways to build their careers. Across Utah communities, there is clear and growing demand for entry-level professionals in behavioral health and human services. Few human services programs exist in the West, which highlights a regional gap and positions the U to meet a clear demand. This cross-disciplinary program addresses statewide workforce needs for helping professions that promote individual, family and community well-being. New funds will be requested through the annual AEP and budget planning process; the college will propose using funds as part of the strategic reinvestment and will also be seeking legislative funding.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the degree.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve new Bachelor of Arts in Health and Human Services degree by Randy Shumway, second by Christena Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – New Degree – English Education

Wanda Pillow, Dean of the College of Humanities, and David Roh, Department Chair of English, presented item 3.03.

The English Department is proposing to create a new undergraduate Bachelor of Science in English Education. The new degree program aims to produce secondary school teachers who are prepared for the opportunities and challenges that will arise as both fields expand their scope to include new media and methodologies with the rise of AI. It would also afford students interested in teaching and related careers the possibility of supplementing their training in literary studies and pedagogy with training in computing and digital methods. A secondary aim is to allow a smoother transfer process for students who want to train as English educators but do not have the time or financial resources necessary to convert their previous A.S. degrees or B.S. coursework at other institutions into a B.A. degree at the University of Utah. The B.S. in English Education would parallel the B.S. in Literary Studies, which accounts for many new majors and has helped forge connections with other units at the U, including Digital Matters and the Division of Games. Three other USHE institutions offer a B.S. in English Education (USU, UVU, Utah Tech) but none of them includes the specialized instruction in programing and new media that the proposed degree at the U would. According to the Utah Department of Workforce Services, Secondary Teaching is a “5 Star” field, with steady demand predicted for the coming years. No new costs are anticipated with the new program because instituting a B.S. in English would draw on current departmental strengths in literary studies, pedagogy and digital humanities. The faculty and staff in the English Department are prepared to meet the needs of the degree, and its course offerings already support the requirements.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the degree.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XIV with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve new Bachelor of Science in English Education degree by Kathi Garff, second by Alex Rose. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.04 – New Degree – Material Engineering and Management

Pearl Sandick Dean of the College of Science, and Dmitro Bedrov, Department Chair of Material Science and Engineering, presented item 3.04.

The College of Engineering is proposing to create a new online program called Professional Masters of Materials Engineering and Management. It is designed to provide skills for graduates to be professionals in materials-focused industries in both materials engineering and management. This program consists of fundamental and applied materials courses, business- and management-related courses and data

analytical courses. It is intended for professionals with demanding schedules and provides helpful scheduling flexibility through online courses and after-hours courses and labs. Students will be equipped with crosscutting skills in electrochemistry, nuclear engineering, biotechnology, nanoscience, and electrical engineering, preparing them for diverse research opportunities and a competitive job market. The materials courses needed for this program already exist, so no new faculty are needed, and the department and university would provide any other needed funding. The program is tailored to address specific industry needs in materials science, and it aligns with student aspirations and market demands. Utah is emerging as a national leader in energy, life sciences, and semiconductor industries. It has the highest workforce concentration in life sciences with more than 77 biotech companies. Similarly, the semiconductor industry has over 30 companies in Utah, generating a \$1.4 billion wage impact. Semiconductors rank as Utah's ninth largest export, and the state's semiconductor workforce is projected to double with upcoming expansions. Across these sectors, the innovations depend on novel materials design and fabrication, highlighting a critical need for materials engineers. There is a projected 6% job growth through 2031, equating to 1,700 new jobs annually. No similar programs are offered in the U.S., the state, or Intermountain Region, making this program uniquely equipped to attract students from across the country who want to enter this booming industry.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the degree.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XV with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve new Professional Master of Engineering degree in Materials Engineering and Management by Bassam Salem, second by Kathi Garff. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.05 – New Degree – Neuroscience

Michelle Camacho, Dean of the College of Social and Behavioral Science, and Sarah Creem-Regher, Department Chair of Psychology, presented item 3.05.

The College of Social and Behavioral Science proposes establishing an interdisciplinary neuroscience degree program. The curriculum plan integrates knowledge from psychology, biology, the social sciences and data science. This major will provide students with a strong foundation in both the molecular and systems-level aspects of neuroscience. As neuroscience continues to shape our understanding of cognition, behavior and mental health, integrating modern cell and molecular biology with the psychological study of cognitive and affective processes and behavior offers a forward-thinking, interdisciplinary approach that meets the demands of modern science and education. There is a growing interest among students in neuroscience-related fields, and this degree would attract students interested in careers in medicine, research, biotechnology and mental health. A neuroscience degree would equip students with the knowledge to contribute to evidence-based treatments, investigate the fundamental mechanisms underlying a wide range of disorders and bridge the fields of neuroscience, psychology and biology in clinical applications. Launching a neuroscience degree would enhance the affiliated departments' academic offerings, attract high-quality students, expand research opportunities and contribute to the growing need for neuroscience expertise in various professional domains. In the U.S., the job outlook for neuroscience majors has an expected growth rate of 8%. The college anticipates an initial enrollment of 75 students and expects the program to grow by approximately 100 students each year, resulting in a five-year projection of 500 students. There are no other bachelor's programs in neuroscience in the state, so this program will not

impact other USHE institutions. The funding for this degree will come from existing funds. If any reallocations are necessary, they will be made using currently available resources.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the degree.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XVI with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Motion to approve new Bachelor of Science in Neuroscience degree by Bassam Salem, second by Christena Huntsman. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

INTENT CALENDAR

Report: 4.01 – College Town Magic Update

Chair Eccles noted that she previously provided an update on the status of several motions approved last March related to the campus physical development framework, which included designating a “College Town Magic” neighborhood, or district, in the heart of campus.

She noted that significant work is underway to evaluate existing infrastructure, review traffic and parking needs, and ensure that planning efforts remain strategic and comprehensive.

For context, Chair Eccles reminded Trustees that the “College Town Magic” neighborhood is envisioned to be a central, vibrant area that strengthens campus engagement, enhances the student and visitor experience, and offers welcoming and accessible space where students and the broader community can live, work, and grow together.

Chair Eccles invited Troy D’Ambrosio, Chief of Staff to the President, and Jeff Labrum, Chief Operating Officer, to present an informational briefing on the College Town Magic district.

Troy D’Ambrosio reviewed the College Town Magic area, outlined the vision, and noted that the University anticipates the area could experience an average of 45,000 daily visits—8.8 million annually.

Jeff Labrum discussed options under consideration for the future of the Huntsman Center: a “Renovation Lite,” a “Renovation+,” or a full “Relocation.” Athletics Director Mark Harlan indicated that renovating the existing facility at its central campus location appears to be the strongest option.

Jeff Labrum also provided an overview of parking strategies for the College Town Magic area, including a mix of surface, structured, and underground parking. He added that the University is working to expand on-campus student housing to align with aspirational institutions and support evidence showing that students who live on campus perform better and graduate sooner. He further noted that the University is developing an enterprise-wide dining strategy.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XVII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

UNIVERSITY FOCUS

University Focus: 5.01 – 175th Anniversary Project Wrap-up

Kris Bosman, Chief Alumni Relations Officer, reviewed the highlights of the University of Utah 175th Anniversary celebrations throughout this past year.

A copy of the supporting materials is included as Appendix XVIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 6:01 – Current Events

Chair Eccles acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Landward for being present at the meeting, highlighted the recent installation of Robert Indiana's LOVE sculpture at the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, and recognized students in attendance who were peacefully sharing their views. Approximately 10 students attended with signs that said, "Protect your students" and "No I.C.E. on campus."

Trustee Bassam Salem emphasized the importance of students feeling safe and welcome on campus while also noting that, as a public institution, the University must comply with federal and state laws.

President Randall acknowledged receiving a document the students provided before the meeting and said that University leaders would review their suggestions. He also noted that, to the University's knowledge, ICE had not conducted enforcement actions on any Utah campus.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Report: 7.01 – Report from University Administration

From Executive Vice President for Health Sciences Bob Carter

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- [Grace Lim, MD, MSc, MBA](#), was named [chair of the Department of Anesthesiology, Perioperative, & Pain Medicine at the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine](#). She joins us from the University of Pittsburg School of Medicine and UPMC. Her work spans anesthesiology, perioperative care, and pain medicine, with a focus on women's and maternal health.

HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMICS:

- The School of Dentistry reported its strongest admissions cycle in the school's 14-year history for the 2025-26 cycle, receiving nearly 800 applications—a 15% increase over its prior high.

From Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs Mitzi Montoya

- Big 12 Faculty of the Year Awards were announced on February 9, 2026. The University of Utah's honoree is Film & Media arts assistant professor Hubbel Palmer.

Report: 7.01 – Current Events

President Randall noted the following:

- February 26 - University of Utah Founder's Day - celebration will be held at the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House
- Utah legislative session is ongoing through March 6
- April 29 – Honorary Degree Recipients Dinner
- April 30 – General Commencement
- President Randall turned time over to Andrea Thomas, Chief Experience Officer, to announce that Dr. Arthur Brooks will be the 2026 commencement keynote speaker. Dr. Brooks is a best-selling author and Harvard professor.

A copy of the items is included as Appendix XX with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 8:01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Alex Rose shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXI with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

Report: 8.02 – Student Government Party Introductions

Trustee Rose introduced the candidates running for the 2026-2027 ASUU President position. Each of the six tickets running for office gave brief overviews of their platforms and goals. (Note: candidate names are included in the list of meeting attendees.)

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 9.01 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Richard Preiss, president of the Academic Senate, shared updates and referred Trustees to the Senate's written report.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXIII with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

STAFF COUNCIL

Report: 10.01 – Staff Council Report

Trustee Eccles referred Trustees to the Staff Council's written report.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXIV with the official minutes of this meeting and is on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

INFORMATION AGENDA

Information: 11.01 – Graduate Council Review – Department of Educational Leadership and Policy

Information: 11.02– Graduate Council Review – Department of Philosophy

Information: 11.03 – Undergraduate Council Review – Multidisciplinary Design Program

Information: 11.04 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Information: 11.05 – Sponsored Projects Report

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XXV - XXIX with the official minutes of this meeting and can be found online (in BoardDocs) or through the Office of the Secretary to the University.

ADJOURN

Resolution: Chair Eccles recommended a motion to adjourn the open meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Randy Shumway, second by Curt Doman Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Kathi Garff, Christena Huntsman, Steve Miller, Alex Rose, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

At 10:36 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on March 10, 2026.

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 10 March 2026

