

UNIVERSITY OF UTAH
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
APRIL 8, 2025

TRUSTEES PRESENT

Joseph Boyden	David Parkin
Curt Doman (zoom)	J. Steve Price (zoom)
Katie Eccles (Vice-Chair)	Bassam Salem
Christian Gardner (Chair)	Randy Shumway
Maria Garciaz	Jamie Sorenson

UNIVERSITY REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Cathy Anderson	Chief Financial Officer
Sierra Canela	Director, Governance and Leadership, Student Affairs
Bob Carter	Senior Vice President for Health Sciences
John Creer	Chief Real Estate Officer
Troy D'Ambrosio	Chief of Staff and Vice President, Innovation, President's Office
Jerome Davies	Chief Philanthropy Officer
Bryant Gordan	President-elect, Staff Council
Brett Graham	Chief Strategy Officer
Sean Grube	Associate Vice President, Housing and Residential Education
Gina Hawley	Chief Operating Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Harriet Hopf	President, Academic Senate
Ischa Jensen	Associate Executive Director System Planning, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Lori Kaczka	Senior Director, Facilities
Teresa Kehl	Deputy Chief of Staff, President's Office
Paul Kohn	Senior Vice Provost for Student Success and Strategic Enrollment
Dan Lundergan	CEO, University of Utah Hospital and Clinics
Lori McDonald	Vice President, Student Affairs
Mitzi Montoya	Sr. Vice President for Academic Affairs
Melody Murdock	Director, Strategic Communications
Maria O'Mara	Exec Director, UT Public Media
Charlton Park	Chief Financial Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics,
Chris Nelson	Chief University Relations Officer & Secretary to the University
Annalisa Purser	Director of Board Governance, Policy and Operations
Taylor Randall	President
Clint Reed	Associate Executive Director of Finance, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics
Andrea Thomas	Chief Experience Officer
Phyllis Vetter	Vice President and General Counsel
Danny Wall	Executive Director, Real Estate
Rebecca Walsh	Director, PR/Communications

OTHERS

David Anderson	Chairman and CEO, University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation
Michael Harris	ACE Fellow
Geoffrey Landward	Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education
Tony Wagner	Incoming CFO
Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlán (MEChA)	Student Members

CALL TO ORDERInformation: 1.01 – Call to Order

The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 9:08 a.m. in the Cleone Peterson Eccles Alumni House, Sorenson Legacy Foundation Boardroom. Chair Gardner welcomed Trustees and others in attendance.

GENERAL CONSENT

Action (Consent): 2.01 – Minutes of the March 11 and March 24 Meetings of the Board of Trustees

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

Action (Consent): 2.03 – Sponsored Projects Report (Appendix II)

Action (Consent): 2.04 – University Leases (Appendix III)

Action (Consent): 2.05 – Report of Investments Portfolio for the Month of February (Appendix IV)

Action (Consent): 2.06 – Discontinue Emphasis – Ballet Teaching (Appendix V)

Action (Consent): 2.07 – New Graduate Certificate – Aerospace (Appendix VI)

Action (Consent): 2.08 – New Graduate Certificate – Engineering Management (Appendix VII)

Action (Consent): 2.09 – Unit Redesignation – School of Public Affairs (Appendix VIII)

Action (Consent): 2.10 – New Center – Quality of Life After Stroke (Appendix IX)

Action (Consent): 2.11 – Naming – Bradley Michael Walker and Brandon G. Walker Lobby in the Kem and Carolyn Gardner Mental Health Crisis Center (Appendix X)

Action (Consent): 2.12 – Capital Facilities Projects for Consent (Appendix XI)

Motion to approve the Consent Calendar by David Parkin, second by Joseph Boyden. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Background materials are included in the Appendices (as noted above) and are on file in the office of the Secretary to the University.

ACTION AGENDA

Action: 3.01 – Capital Facilities Project – University Hospital Emergency Department Renovation

Dan Lundergan, CEO, University of Utah Hospital and Clinics; Gina Hawley, Chief Operating Officer, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics; and Ischa Jenson, Associate Executive Director System Planning, University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics presented items 3.01 – 3.03, and each were voted on separately.

The proposed project will renovate a portion of the University Hospital Emergency Department to address increasing patient volumes, extended wait times, and workflow inefficiencies. Renovation efforts will include additional triage stations, exam rooms, and expanded patient waiting areas to improve throughput, enhance patient and staff safety, and support more efficient operations.

The proposed total project budget is \$14,740,288 and will be funded by University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics Strategic Capital and ongoing philanthropy efforts.

Approval is requested to authorize the design, bid, and eventual award of a construction contract to complete this project.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the design, bid, and eventual award of a construction contract.

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

Motion to approve item 3.01 by Maria Garcia, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garcia, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.02 – Capital Facilities Project – Redwood Clinic Expansion

The proposed project will construct approximately 15,000 square feet of new space to the south of the existing Redwood Health Center. The expansion will include 12 exam rooms, two MRI suites, and associated staff and multipurpose support areas. This project will enhance clinical capacity and access to imaging services in the southwest region.

The proposed total project budget is \$23,397,016 and will be funded by \$12,500,000 in State of Utah appropriations, with the remaining balance (\$10,897,017) funded by University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics.

Approval is requested to authorize the design, bid, and eventual award of a construction contract to complete this project.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion the design, bid and eventual award of a construction contract.

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

Motion to approve item 3.02 by Bassam Salem, second by Katie Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion

Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Action: 3.03 – Capital Facilities Project – Main Campus Inpatient Expansion Programming

The proposed project will support clinical and architectural programming efforts for a future inpatient expansion of University Hospital. This effort will define scope, space needs, and service alignment for anticipated growth in inpatient demand as well as anticipated traffic impacts via traffic study.

The proposed total project budget is \$2,250,000 and will be funded by University of Utah Hospitals and Clinics.

Approval is requested to authorize the University to proceed with programming and planning efforts for this project.

Additional clarifying questions were raised and addressed prior to the motion to approve the programming and planning efforts for this project.

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

Motion to approve item 3.03 by David Parkin, second by Katie Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion

Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

CHAIR'S REPORT

Report: 4.01 – Current Events

Chair Gardner noted the following current event:

- Honorary Degree Recipients dinner on Wednesday April 30, at the Eccles Alumni House
- Invited – Trustees Doman, Sorenson, Price, and Boyden to share their experience from the recent Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges conference for trustees.
- Welcome – Annalisa Purser as a full-time employee supporting the Board of Trustees. Her title is Director of Board Governance, Policy, and Operations, and she will support Chris Nelson, Karen West, and the President's Office on issues related to the board's work.
- Outsourced Chief Investment Officer Announcement
 - Included in Trustee packet was announcement from the University of Utah Growth Capital Partners Foundation. The foundation has selected Salt Lake City-based Cynosure Group as the Outsourced Chief Investment Officer. Chair Gardner thanked David Anderson for leading this work that will protect and grow the university's endowment and provide additional resources to accomplish the university's mission and goals for future generations.

Report: 4.02 – Resolution of Appreciation – Joseph ‘Joe’ Boyden

Chair Gardner recognized Trustee Boyden, ASUU President, for his service to the University and the student body. Trustee Steve Price read the resolution noting the accomplishments during his tenure. Ty Nishikawa and Paige Moon, ASUU Vice Presidents, were also recognized for their service and leadership.

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

PRESIDENT’S REPORT

Report: 5.01 – Honors and Awards, Distinguished Visitors, Current Research, and Items of Interest

President Randall referred Trustees to the written report included in the agenda materials.

Report: 5.02 – Current Events

President Randall noted the following:

- **COMMENCEMENT –**
The campus-wide General Commencement is in person, Thurs. May 1, at 6 P.M. Highlights include student speaker, keynote address from Holly Rowe, and honorary degrees awarded to I. King Jordan, Julie A. Lassonde, Cecil O. Samuelson, Jr., and Linda C. Smith.
- **COLLEGE CONVOCATIONS –**
Thursday, May 1, Friday, May 2, Saturday, May 3, Friday, May 9, and Friday, May 16. Thank you for your willingness to participate and represent the Board at these convocations. Karen will deliver information packets as the date approaches, so you’ll have logistical and other detailed information for the convocations you are attending.
- **IMPACT 2030 –**
Brett Graham, Chief Strategy Officer, provided an overview of Impact 2030, highlighting the plan’s mission and its three supporting pillars. He expressed gratitude to all who contributed to the collaborative process by completing surveys, attending listening sessions, and participating in meetings.

Impact 2030 Mission Statement:

The University of Utah drives unsurpassed societal impact by:

- Preparing students from diverse backgrounds to be leaders and global citizens who strengthen our society and democracy.
- Generating and sharing new knowledge, discoveries, and innovations that supercharge our economy and improve lives locally, nationally, and globally.
- Engaging local, national, and global communities to promote education, health, and quality of life.

Pillars of Impact 2030:

1. Student Success:

- Goals: Advance the reach of the university through strategic enrollment growth and fuel the economy with a highly skilled workforce.
- Success Metrics:
 - Increase enrollment to 40,000 students.
 - Achieve an 80% six-year graduation rate.
- Supporting Programs:
 - Navigate U
 - U Career Success Center
 - Engagement & belonging

2. Research & Innovation:

- Goals: Grow and diversify the university's research portfolio while improving the quality and outreach of research activities. Accelerate innovation and entrepreneurship for societal impact.
- Success Metrics:
 - Reach \$1 billion in annual research funding.
 - Increase in creative scholarship, publications, and awards.
 - Establish interdisciplinary centers of excellence.
 - Accelerated technology transfer and commercialization.
- Supporting Programs:
 - Large Infrastructure Funding Team
 - Research hubs, engines, and initiatives
 - University of Utah Ventures, powered by EPIC
 - Recognizing research and innovation

3. Service to the Community:

- Goals: Pioneer new models for delivering societal impact, improving the lives of Utah's 3.5 million residents, and become a top-10 public institution for contributions to our community.
- Success Metrics:
 - Finalize and execute the West Valley plan, with key focus areas in health, education, and economic development.
 - Increase impact on patients and families served by university mental health programs
 - Implementation of mental health-friendly policies
 - Availability of research expertise and advanced cyberinfrastructure to support societally relevant, responsible AI research and innovation.
 - Engagement of community partners in responsible AI research and innovation
- Supporting Programs:
 - U West Valley
 - Mental Health
 - Responsible AI

Brett Graham concluded by reaffirming the importance of community collaboration in the success of Impact 2030 and thanked all stakeholders for their ongoing engagement.

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

Motion to approve Impact 2030 by David Parkin, second by Randy Shumway. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENTS REPORTS

Report: 6.01 – Academic Affairs Report

Sr. Vice President Montoya noted the following:

LEADERSHIP APPOINTMENTS/UPDATES:

PEARL SANDICK NAMED INTERIM DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

- Associate Dean Pearl Sandick has accepted an appointment as interim dean of the College of Science. She began working in this new role on March 15 and will continue to serve until a new dean is appointed.
- Sandick, a professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy, has been associate dean for faculty and research in the U's College of Science since 2022. She came to the U as an assistant professor in 2011 and is a theoretical particle physicist studying physics beyond the Standard Model, including possible explanations for the dark matter in the universe.
- She has been recognized for her teaching and mentoring work with a University of Utah Early Career Teaching Award, a University of Utah Distinguished Mentor Award and the Linda K. Amos Award for Distinguished Service to Women. She has also been recognized as a U Presidential Scholar.
- Sandick's move came as previous College of Science Dean Peter Trapa began serving March 15 as the inaugural vice provost and senior dean of the Colleges and Schools of Liberal Arts and Sciences (LAS).

WANDA S. PILLOW APPOINTED AS NEW DEAN OF COLLEGE OF HUMANITIES AND SCHOOL FOR CULTURAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION

- Dr. Pillow, who had been serving as acting dean of the College of Humanities, [began working in this new dual role](#) on March 14.
- In the School for Cultural and Social Transformation, she has been a professor of gender studies and has served as Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Chair of the Gender Studies Division.
- She is a first-generation student and an award-winning teacher, mentor and scholar.
- In Transform, she replaces Elizabeth Kronk Warner, who served as acting dean while maintaining her duties as the dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law.

Report: 6.02 – Health Sciences Report

LEADERSHIP ANNOUNCEMENTS

- [John Barrett, MD](#), was named chair of the Department of Family & Preventive Medicine. Barrett has been with University of Utah Health since 2013 and has served as interim chair since January 2024, managing the affairs and core administrative responsibilities of the department.
- At [Match Day](#), the graduating Class of 2025 at the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine learned where they will be completing their residency training. The students matched into:
 - 107 residency programs in 34 states
 - 24 specialties and 41% entering primary care residencies
 - 37 of them will complete all or a portion of their training in Utah
 - [Match Day celebration video](#)

HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMICS

- The Utah State Legislature approved \$5.5 million in ongoing funding to establish the [Southern Utah Regional Medical Campus](#), to expand the reach of medical education. [Michelle Hofmann, MD, MPH, MHCDS](#), interim senior associate dean of the Spencer Fox Eccles School of Medicine's Southern Utah Regional Medical Campus, played a key role in securing this funding. Recruitment for the inaugural Southern Utah MD cohort begins in 2025-2026.
- U of U Health schools/colleges are nationally recognized for various accomplishments and competencies—as reflected in 2025 Best Graduate School rankings released this month by U.S. News and World Report:

College of Nursing

#6 Nurse-Midwifery Program
 #12 Online Master's in Nursing Program
 #22 Doctor of Nursing Practice Program
 #39 Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program

College of Pharmacy

#26 Doctor of Pharmacy Program

College of Health

#10 Parks, Recreation, & Tourism
 #12 Kinesiology PhD Program
 #17 Physical Therapy DPT Program
 #29 Audiology
 #32 Speech-Language Pathology
 #37 Occupational Therapy MOT Program

School of Medicine

#3 Physician Assistant Program
 Tier 2 Research*
 Tier 2 Primary Care*

ASUU UPDATE

Report: 7.01 – ASUU Report

Trustee Joe Boyden referred Trustees to his written report and shared an update on ASUU's current plans and activities.

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

ACADEMIC SENATE

Report: 8.01 – Academic Senate Report

Dr. Harriet Hopf, president of the Academic Senate, referred Trustees to the Senate's written report.

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

STAFF COUNCIL

Report: 9.01 – Staff Council Report

Bryant Gordan, president-elect of the Staff Council, referred Trustees to the Staff Council's written report.

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

ALUMNI REPORT

Report: 10.01 – Alumni Relations Report

Trustee Jamie Sorenson referred Trustees to the Alumni written report and shared an update of the Office of Alumni Relations.

A copy of the report is included as Appendix XX 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 Family and Consumer Studies

Information: 11.02 – Graduate Council Review – Division of Games

Information: 11.03 – UUHC Financial Pulse

Information: 11.04 – ION Presidential Endowed Chair

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

CLOSED MEETING

Chair Gardner asked for a motion to close the Board of Trustees meeting for the purpose of discussing matters appropriate for Executive Session under Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act 52-4-205 (1).

The following has been approved by the Office of General Counsel:

1. Strategy session to discuss the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property.

Motion to move into closed session by Katie Eccles, second by Jamie Sorenson. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

ADJOURN

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

At 11:28 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 13, 2025.

Motion to approve by Christian Gardner, second by Katie Eccles. Final Resolution: Motion Approved. Aye: Joe Boyden, Curt Doman, Katie Eccles, Christian Gardner, Maria Garciaz, David Parkin, J. Steve Price, Bassam Salem, Randy Shumway, Jamie Sorenson

Signed by: Christopher Nelson

Date approved: 20 May 2025