



**Utah Board of Higher Education  
Utah State University  
Friday, May 19, 2023**

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
MINUTES**

**Board Members Present**

Lisa-Michele Church, Chair  
Jessalie Anderson, Vice Chair  
Grace Acosta  
Stan Albrecht  
Julie Beck  
Stacey Bettridge  
Rich Christiansen  
Hope Eccles  
Korianne Gibson  
Patricia Jones  
Arthur Newell  
Shawn Newell (absent for Committee of the Whole at 4:30 p.m.)  
Steve Starks  
Scott Theurer  
Xitlalli Villanueva  
Rick Wheeler

**Board Members Absent**

Sanchaita Datta

**Office of the Commissioner**

Dave R. Woolstenhulme, Commissioner of Higher Education  
Geoffrey Landward, Deputy Commissioner  
Nate Talley, Deputy Commissioner and CFO  
Taylor Adams, Associate Commissioner for Strategic Initiatives  
Alison Adams-Perlac, General Counsel  
Brynn Fronk, Executive Assistant to the Utah Board of Higher Education  
Julie Hartley, Associate Commissioner of Academic Education  
Katie Mazzie, Director of Student-Centered Initiatives  
Hilary Renshaw, Associate General Council

**Utah State University Board of Trustees**

Kent Alder, Chair  
Gina Gagon  
David Huntsman  
David Petersen

**Public USU Presidential Candidates**

Chair Church called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m.

Chair Church reviewed the closed session motions from the Board meetings on May 18, 2023, at Utah State University and Bridgerland Technical College.

**Board member Shawn moved to go into closed session for the purposes of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual. Board member Acosta seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

#### *Closed Session*

**Board member Acosta made a motion to end closed session. Board member Eccles seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

#### **Committee of the Whole**

Chair Church welcomed those in attendance and provided brief comments. She addressed the presidential search process and thanked the presidential search committee members for their efforts. **Board member Wheeler moved to appoint Elizabeth “Beth” Cantwell to be the next president of Utah State University. Board member Acosta seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.** Utah State University Board of Trustees Chair Kent Alder provided some brief remarks. Chair Church introduced Dr. Cantwell, and Dr. Cantwell addressed the group and expressed her appreciation and excitement.

**Board member Acosta moved to adjourn. Board member Starks seconded the motion, and the Board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor. The motion passed.**

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

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Geoffrey Landward, Secretary

**Date Approved:**