



UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

MEMORANDUM

January 9, 2025

Utah State Procurement Policy Board Appointment

[Utah Code 63G-6a-3](#) creates a Utah State Procurement Policy Board (USPPB) with up to 15 members, two of which are appointed by the Utah Board of Higher Education. Other members represent the Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Transportation, State Board of Education, Division of Facilities Construction and Management, Utah Association of Counties, Utah League of Cities and Towns, Utah Association of Special Districts, Division of Technology Services, the state’s chief procurement officer, and other state agencies.

The policy board oversees the state’s procurement rules. Statute requires that policy board members “be knowledgeable and experienced in, and have supervisory responsibility for, procurement in their official positions.”

Brett Whitelaw, purchasing director at Utah Tech University, was appointed to the board in 2023 and has since vacated his USPPB appointment. Ryan Lindstrom, director of procurement at Utah Valley University, is currently serving as the other Board of Higher Education appointed member.

Commissioner’s Recommendation

The Commissioner recommends the Board appoint Brandon Thomas, director of purchasing at Salt Lake Community College, to the Utah State Procurement Policy Board for the remaining portion of the vacated term through June 30, 2026.

Attachment

Attachment 1 – Brandon Thomas Resume