

Utah Inland Port Authority Board | 2021

Utah Inland Port Authority Board Meeting Minutes

March 17, 2021 – 4:00 p.m.

Electronic Meeting Held Via Zoom Pursuant to Executive Order 2020-5 and Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207

Board Members Present: D. Gregg Buxton, Nicole Cottle, Derek Miller, Garth “Tooter” Ogden, Steve Prokopis, James Rogers, Rachel Otto, Ben Hart, Michael Jensen, Jevon Gibb

Board Members Absent: Francis Gibson

Staff: Jack Hedge, Jill Flygare, Ginger Chinn, Taneesa Wright, Lynne Mayer, Stephen Smith, Chris Mitton

Others in Attendance: Members of the public including the following persons who provided comment: Katie Pappas, Tēcuanı Oliver, Lionel Trepainer, Nicholas Kramer, John Gleave, Kseniya Kniazeva, Paul Cozzens, Ellen Birrell, William Fisher, Teri Durfee, Sarah Ormsby, Danielle Moriondo, Christime Jackson, William Chatwin, Sam Grossman, Stanley Holmes, Mark Whitney, David Anson, Jordan Barben, Jordan Reichman, Brian Moench, Lee Stanhope, Nancy McHugh, Deeda Seed, Maurena Grossman, Aliereza Vaziri, Sarah Buck, John Giles, Courtney Henley, Jenna Templeton, Stan Summers, Travis Jennings, Shawn Milne, Jane Larson, Mike Green, Tena Rohr, Zoe Philippides, Monica Hilding, Rebecca Hardenbrook, Lynn Carroll, Marcia Walke, Natalie Chamberlain, Rex Shipp, Jace Burgridge, LeRoy nd Dianne Anderson, Claudia Wiese, Frank Nichols

A. Welcome

Chair James Rogers welcomed the board members, staff and public to this Utah Inland Port Authority Board meeting and read the following:

“Pursuant to section 52-4-207(4) Utah Code, the Chair made this written determination that conducting this meeting with an anchor location presents a substantial risk to the health and safety of those who may be present at the anchor location. This written determination is based on the current COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendation of health officials to avoid public gatherings.”

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Board Member Miller moved to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 board meeting. Board Member Ogden seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

B. Informational Item – Welcome New Board Member

Welcome of new board member Jevon Gibb as appointed by Salt Lake County per statute. Swearing in of Jevon Gibb was performed by Michele Pasker.

C. Procedural Item - Public Comment

Chair Rogers reviewed the Rules of Decorum, public comment and procedures for usage of the zoom webinar commenting process. Comments from the public and board members were made and additional comments will be received on UIPA’s website, by phone or email. Comments in opposition included concerns regarding interference with waterfowl habitat, air, water, light and other pollution and health concerns related thereto, calls for environmental and health studies, and lack of transparency. Comments in support included excitement expressed from multiple locations throughout the state for opportunities to attract new manufacturing and other businesses to more rural parts of the state because of the potential rail and truck connections facilitated by UIPA. Satellite ports will allow more goods to flow through other parts of the state thus reducing the air pollution, congested traffic and other issues if such goods continued to move through existing channels along the Wasatch Front. Public comment submitted through UIPA’s

website or via email to UIPA staff can be found on our website (inlandportauthority.utah.gov) under the “Board” tab and then “Written Public Comment.”

D. Informational Item – Executive Director Report

The Executive Director provided a report to the board including a legislative and logistics update. Comments, questions and discussion from board were considered.

E. Informational Item – Administrative Update

UIPA Chief Operating Officer, Jill Flygare provided a budget update as well as an overview of UIPA’s new GIS platform. Comments, questions and discussion from board were considered.

F. Public Comment and Adjournment

The meeting was then adjourned.



Nicole Cottle, Chair