

**UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA)**

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**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DECEMBER 11, 2023

10:00 AM

UTOPIA FIBER OFFICES

5858 SOUTH 900 EAST

MURRAY, UTAH 84121

**Board Members Present:**

**Board Members Joining  
Electronically:**

Councilmember Jeff Lambson – First Vice Chair, Orem City  
Adam Cowie – Second Vice Chair, Lindon City  
Matt Dahl – Third Vice Chair, Midvale City  
Councilmember Robyn Mecham – Centerville City  
Doug Hill – Murray City  
Bob Barnhill – Perry City  
Coby Wilson – West Valley City  
Alex Jensen – Layton City  
Jason Sant – Alternate, Payson City  
Derek Oyler – Alternate, Brigham City  
Marc Christensen – Alternate, Tremonton City

**Board Members Absent:**

Shawn Warnke – Tremonton City  
Councilmember Dave Hipp – Brigham City  
Brett Christensen – Payson City

**Officers Present:**

Roger Timmerman – UTOPIA Executive Director  
Christa Evans – UTOPIA Secretary  
Jason Roberts – UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer  
Jeff Erwin – UTOPIA Chief Operations Officer  
Jeff Starkey – UTOPIA General Counsel

**Officers Joining  
Electronically:**

Kim McKinley – UTOPIA Chief Marketing Officer  
Aaron Leach – UTOPIA Chief Technology Officer  
Nicole Cottle – UTOPIA Government Affairs Director

**Others Joining  
Electronically:**

Wayne Pyle – City Administrator, West Valley City  
Laura Lewis – Financial Advisor, Lewis Young Robertson &  
Burningham

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## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

The UTOPIA Board of Directors held a board meeting on December 11, 2023. The meeting was live streamed to allow public viewing. UTOPIA Second Vice Chair, Adam Cowie (Lindon City) called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM. He welcomed all attendees and explained that Wayne Pyle, previous UTOPIA Chair, is no longer chair due to his retirement. First Vice Chair, Jeffrey Lambson, would be joining the meeting late so chair responsibilities fall to him. Coby Wilson, City Engineer (West Valley City) was introduced as the new representative from West Valley City. Alex Jensen is the new representative for Layton City.

UTOPIA Votes Present: 452  
UTOPIA Majority Vote: 279  
UTOPIA 2/3 Vote: 371

## **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 14, 2023**

- [LINK: Substance of matters, proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- There was no discussion on the minutes.

**ACTION: Matt Dahl (Midvale City) MOVED to approve the minutes from the UTOPIA Board Meeting held August 14, 2023. Derek Oyler (Brigham City) SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken - vote was unanimous.**

## **3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 23-07: THANKING WAYNE PYLE FOR HIS SERVICE TO UTOPIA**

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Roger Timmerman, UTOPIA Executive Director
- Long time chair and board member, Wayne Pyle, is retiring and the organization would like to thank him for all he has done to make UTOPIA successful

**ACTION: Derek Oyler (Brigham City) MOVED to approve Resolution UT 23-07 Thanking Wayne Pyle for his Service to UTOPIA. Jeff Lambson (Orem City) SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken - vote was unanimous.**

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#### **4. 2024 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE**

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Mr. Cowie presented this item
- Regular meetings are scheduled every other month on the second Monday of each month
- October is an exception due to Columbus Day

**ACTION: Matt Dahl (Midvale City) MOVED to approve the 2024 Board Meeting Schedule. Derek Oyler (Brigham City) SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken - vote was unanimous.**

#### **5. OPEN & PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT TRAINING**

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Mr. Jeffrey Starkey, UTOPIA General Counsel, presented this item
- Training video from State Auditor

#### **6. UTOPIA FINANCIAL UPDATE**

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Jason Roberts, UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
- Projected budget vs. adopted budget
- Adding cash based budget for all ongoing Capital Projects
- Funds from Bountiful will appear on the next report
- UIA revenues are fantastic (projected to be \$700,000 over budget), Business Revenue projected to be \$1.3 million over budget
- Financial charts
  - 10 Year Monthly Recurring Revenue (Combined UIA & UTOPIA)
  - UIA Revenue v. Bond Obligation

#### **7. UTOPIA NETWORK UPDATE**

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Roger Timmerman, UTOPIA Executive Director
- Review subscriber report
- Fastest subscriber growth in the history of the organization; added 10,000 subscribers in one year
- Addressed the recent negative ad campaign against UTOPIA
- A lot of people reaching out with support regarding negative ads

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**8. ADJOURN**

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)

There being no further business of the UTOPIA Board of Directors, the meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023, was adjourned at 10:45 AM.

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I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true and accurate record of the proceedings of this meeting of the UTOPIA Board of Directors.



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**Christa Evans, UTOPIA Secretary**

**Approved this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2024**