

UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA)

BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 9, 2025

10:00 AM

UTOPIA FIBER OFFICES

5858 SOUTH 900 EAST

MURRAY, UTAH 84121

Board Members Present: Matt Dahl – Third Vice Chair, Midvale City

**Board Members Joining
Electronically:**

Alex Jensen – Chair, Layton City

Doug Hill – Fourth Vice Chair, Murray City

Mayor DJ Bott – Brigham City

Ifo Pili – West Valley City

Councilmember Robyn Mecham – Centerville City

Bob Barnhill – Perry City

Mayor Denise Anderson – Cedar Hills, *Non-Pledging*

Brenn Bybee – Alternate, Orem City

Board Members Absent: Adam Cowie – First Vice Chair, Lindon City
Tom Macdonald – Second Vice Chair, Orem City
Bill Cobabe – Tremonton City
Councilmember Brett Christensen – Payson City

Officers Present: Roger Timmerman – UTOPIA Executive Director
Jason Roberts – UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
Christa Evans – UTOPIA Secretary
Jeff Erwin – UTOPIA Chief Operations Officer
Aaron Leach – UTOPIA Chief Technology Officer
Laura King – UTOPIA Chief Project Officer
Blaine Clegg – UTOPIA IT Manager
Jacob Angell – UTOPIA IT Technician

**Officers Joining
Electronically:** Nicole Cottle – UTOPIA Government Affairs Director

**Others Joining
Electronically:** Derek Oyler – UIA Chair / City Administrator, Brigham City
Nate Robertson – Financial Advisor, Lewis Roberston Burningham

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The UTOPIA Board of Directors held a board meeting on June 9, 2025. The meeting was live streamed to allow public viewing & comment. UTOPIA Chair, Alex Jensen (Layton City), called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM and welcomed all attendees.

UTOPIA Total Votes Present: 425
UTOPIA Majority Vote: 279

Financial Decision Votes Present: 414
Financial Decision Total Votes: 452

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UTOPIA 2/3 Vote: 371

Financial Decision 2/3 Vote: 301

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – APRIL 14, 2025

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- There were no changes to the minutes presented

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to approve the minutes from the UTOPIA Board Meeting held April 14, 2025. Matt Dahl (Midvale City) SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

3. PUBLIC HEARING

- **PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA)**
- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to open the public hearing regarding the UTOPIA FY 2026 Budget. Matt Dahl (Midvale City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

- Item presented by Mr. Jason Roberts, UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
- One change from the tentative budget regarding a grant to replace old equipment on the network which increased capital projects by \$1.7 million
- Management fees from UIA to UTOPIA increasing 4%
- Proposed COLA and merit increases changed from the tentative budget to 2.5% COLA and 2.5% merit
- Four new FTEs in the budget – Field Service Tech, Customer Service Representative, Order Fulfillment Coordinator & Technology Analyst; two positions removed – Chief Marketing Officer & Inside Plant Engineering Technician
- Loan Repayment Distribution to cities increasing \$318,750
- There were no public comments

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to close the public hearing regarding the UTOPIA FY 2026 Budget. Robyn Mecham (Centerville City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 25-02: APPROVING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

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

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- Item presented during the public hearing.

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to approve Resolution UT 25-02 approving an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Doug Hill (Murray City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

5. UTOPIA FINANCIAL UPDATE

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Jason Roberts, UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
- Projected results vs. adopted budget as of April 30, 2025
 - Recurring revenue projected to be over budget by about \$300,000
 - Payroll expenses projected to be under budget
 - Network operating expenses projected to be over budget mostly due to growth in Utah
 - Bountiful Project will be net positive
- Financial charts
 - 10 Year Monthly Recurring Revenue (Combined UIA & UTOPIA)
 - Crossed \$4 million per month of revenue in UIA
 - UIA Revenue v. Bond Obligation

6. UTOPIA NETWORK UPDATE

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Roger Timmerman, UTOPIA Executive Director
- There have been some consolidations happening in the industry; AT&T is acquiring the residential side of Lumen (Century Link / Quantum Fiber) which will make AT&T a competitor
- Reviewed subscriber report
 - By next month the organization will have reached 75,000 subscribers
 - Just over 1,000 in net growth in the last month
 - West Valley historically averages 20 to 30 sales per month, with the door-to-door campaign there is an average of 200 per month; campaign will expand into Murray and Midvale
- BEAD Program has been derailed and there is no preference for fiber
- RCRC / Golden State Connect Authority received awards and are looking to contract with UTOPIA; setup similar to Idaho Falls / Bozeman

7. ADJOURN

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

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There being no further business of the UTOPIA Board of Directors, the meeting on Monday, June 9, 2025, was adjourned at 10:48 AM.

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

Christa Evans, UTOPIA Secretary

Approved this 11th day of August, 2025