

UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA)

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 13, 2026
10:00 AM

UTOPIA FIBER OFFICES
5858 SOUTH 900 EAST
MURRAY, UTAH 84121

Board Members Present:

Board Members Joining Electronically:

Alex Jensen – Chair, Layton City
Adam Cowie – First Vice Chair, Lindon City
Matt Dahl – Second Vice Chair, Midvale City
Ifo Pili – Third Vice Chair, West Valley City
Mayor DJ Bott – Fourth Vice Chair, Brigham City
Kim Sorensen – Murray City
Councilmember Jenn Gale – Orem City
Linsey Nessen – Tremonton City
Councilmember Robyn Mecham – Centerville City
Councilmember Lacey Smith – Payson City
Bob Barnhill – Perry City

Board Members Absent: Mayor Denise Anderson – Cedar Hills, *Non-Pledging*

Officers Present:

Christa Evans – UTOPIA Secretary
Roger Timmerman – UTOPIA Executive Director
Jason Roberts – UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
Nicole Cottle – UTOPIA Government Affairs Director
Jake Angell – UTOPIA IT Technician

Officers Joining Electronically:

Aaron Leach – UTOPIA Chief Technology Officer
Wayne Pyle – UTOPIA Director of External Affairs

Others Joining Electronically:

Laura Lewis – Financial Advisor, Lewis, Robertson, Burningham

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The UTOPIA Board of Directors held a board meeting on April 13, 2026. The meeting was live streamed to allow public viewing. UTOPIA Chair, Alex Jensen (Layton City), called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM and welcomed all attendees.

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

Financial Decision Votes Present: 452
Financial Decision Total Votes: 452
Financial Decision 2/3 Vote: 301

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2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – FEBRUARY 9, 2026

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

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to approve the minutes from the UTOPIA Board Meeting held February 9, 2026. Matt Dahl (Midvale City) SECONDED the motion. A voice vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

3. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 26-01: ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 FOR UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA) AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE BUDGET (JUNE 8, 2026)

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Jason Roberts, UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
- Projected increase of \$3.4 million in UIA-related payments
- Expenses & Debt Service; increasing by \$327,000
- Operating Expenses – big increase in network support and administrative cost (a lot due to operating, maintenance cost and relocating cost)
 - One time project of \$1.7 million for one-time capital project removed to accurately show recurring revenue
- Ten new FTEs requested – total of \$1.3 million
 - Biggest increase is Network Maintenance Team – offsets work currently performed by other teams
 - Outsourcing opportunities discussed – trend is to insource work due to cost savings
 - Questions about increasing payment to cities with increased revenue growth rather than adding so many new positions
 - UTOPIA is continuing to pay an additional \$4 million to cities, on top of the 2% increase each year
 - Determine if and when new positions need to be added
 - Decision to send out further detail to board members regarding purpose of new positions prior to next board meeting
- Proposed 2.9% COLA and 1.1% Merit Increase
 - Last year's direction was to determine COLA based on Western CPI
- Proposed change in fees from UIA to UTOPIA addressed, formal resolution needed at next board meeting
- Need to move forward with approvals due to time constraints from board members, can continue discussion after vote

ACTION: Adam Cowie (Lindon City) MOVED to approve Resolution UT 26-01 adopting the UTOPIA Tentative Budget for FY 2026 and setting the time and place for a public hearing (June 8, 2026). Kim Sorensen (Murray City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

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4. SET THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE UTOPIA FY 2026 BUDGET (JUNE 8, 2026)

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Details will be discussed at the next board meeting

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to set the time and place for a public hearing to consider amendments to the UTOPIA FY 2026 Budget (June 8, 2026). Adam Cowie (Lindon City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

3. (CONTINUED) CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 26-01: ADOPTION OF A TENTATIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 FOR UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA) AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE BUDGET (JUNE 8, 2026)

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Continued discussion of proposed tentative budget
- Distribution to cities is increasing \$318,750, this includes the additional \$4 million that UTOPIA began paying to cities in 2023
- At the end of 2040, the bonds are paid off, opening up \$10 million in funds

5. UTOPIA FINANCIAL UPDATE

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Decision to skip financial update due to time constraints

6. UTOPIA NETWORK UPDATE

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Roger Timmerman, UTOPIA Executive Director
- Defer to the reports provided in packet due to time constraints

7. ADJOURN

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Circle back with board members prior to next board meeting to discuss concerns

There being no further business of the UTOPIA Board of Directors, the meeting on Monday, April 13, 2026, was adjourned at 11:15 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.

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Christa Evans, UTOPIA Secretary

Approved this 8th day of June, 2026

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