

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

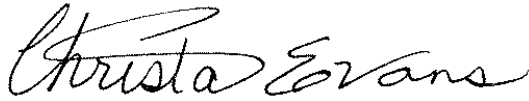
7. ADJOURN

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

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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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christa Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Christa Evans, UTOPIA Secretary

Approved this 8th day of June, 2026