

UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA)

BOARD MEETING & PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

June 8, 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
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
John Flores, Alternate – West Valley City

Board Members Absent:

Ifo Pili – Third Vice Chair, West Valley City
Mayor Denise Anderson – Cedar Hills, *Non-Pledging*

Officers Present:

Christa Evans – UTOPIA Secretary
Roger Timmerman – UTOPIA Executive Director
Jason Roberts – UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
Jeff Erwin – UTOPIA Chief Operating Officer
Blaine Clegg – UTOPIA IT Manager
Jake Angell – UTOPIA IT Technician

**Officers Joining
Electronically:**

Nicole Cottle – UTOPIA Government Affairs Director
Laura King – UTOPIA Chief Project Officer

**Others Joining
Electronically:**

Laura Lewis – Financial Advisor, Lewis, Robertson, Burningham

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The UTOPIA Board of Directors held a board meeting on June 8, 2026. The meeting was live streamed to allow public viewing and comment. UTOPIA Chair, Alex Jensen (Layton City), called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 – APRIL 13, 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 April 13, 2026. Adam Cowie (Lindon 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 2027 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 2027 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
- Highlighted changes from tentative budget to current proposal:
 - UIA Related Payment Revenue Decrease – (\$500,000)
 - Construction Management Services Revenue Increase - \$600,000
 - Increase Payment to Member Cities – (\$100,000)
- Overall revenue continues to increase
- Increase in UIA related payment from proposed rate increase, primarily due to maintenance and relocation expenses
- Ten new FTEs in the budget – Project Manager, Senior Construction Manager, Field Services Tech/QC & Training Specialist, Network Architect, Operations Manager, Operations Analyst, Network Maintenance Manager, Network Maintenance Engineer, Network Maintenance Technician & Marketing Assistant; Network Engineer position was not included in budget after the position became vacated
- Proposed COLA of 2.9% and merit increase of 1.1%; instructed in past to keep COLA consistent with Western CPI
- Proposing fee increase for Service Contract between UTOPIA/UIA
- Loan Repayment Distribution to cities increased by \$100,000 from the tentative budget based on board member request; distribution amount is now \$427,251
 - Appreciation expressed for increased distribution to cities
- Murray City will vote no due to the COLA increase being higher than their city's
- Discussion on number of new employees being added
- There were no public comments

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4. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 26-02: APPROVING AN ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 COMMENCING JULY 1, 2026 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2027

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

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to close the public hearing regarding the UTOPIA FY 2027 Budget and approve Resolution UT 26-02 approving an Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2027, commencing July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. Matt Dahl (Midvale City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote results were as follows:

Aye: Alex Jensen, Layton City – 69
Adam Cowie, Lindon City – 11
Matt Dahl, Midvale City – 31
DJ Bott, Brigham City – 19
Jenn Gale, Orem City – 91
Linsey Nessen, Tremonton City – 8
Robyn Mecham, Centerville City – 17
Lacey Smith, Payson City – 19
Bob Barnhill, Perry City – 5
John Flores, West Valley City – 133

Nay: Kim Sorensen, Murray City - 49

Motion passes 403 to 49.

5. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 26-03: A RESOLUTION APPROVING A SIXTH AMENDMENT TO AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR SERVICES BETWEEN UIA AND UTOPIA

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Jason Roberts, UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
- Discussed suggested increase to Interlocal Agreement
- Recommending increase effective as of January 1, 2026

ACTION: Kim Sorensen (Murray City) MOVED to approve Resolution UT 26-03 approving a Sixth Amendment to an Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for services between UIA and UTOPIA. Adam Cowie (Lindon City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

6. PUBLIC HEARING

- **PUBLIC HEARING TO ALLOW PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING AMENDMENTS TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2026 BUDGET FOR UTAH TELECOMMUNICATION OPEN INFRASTRUCTURE AGENCY (UTOPIA)**
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ACTION: Adam Cowie (Lindon City) MOVED to open the public hearing regarding amendments to the UTOPIA FY 2026 Budget. DJ Bott (Brigham City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

- Item presented by Mr. Jason Roberts, UTOPIA Chief Financial Officer
- Amendment increases revenues by \$750,000 due to increased rates from UIA; offset with expenses for maintenance / relocate costs
- There were no public comments.

7. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION UT 26-04: APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, COMMENCING JULY 1, 2025 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2026

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

ACTION: DJ Bott (Brigham City) MOVED to close the public hearing regarding amendments to the UTOPIA FY 2026 Budget and to approve Resolution UT 26-04 approving Amendments to the Annual Budget for Fiscal Year 2026, commencing July 1, 2025 and ending June 30, 2026. Adam Cowie (Lindon City) SECONDED the motion. A roll call vote was taken - vote was unanimous.

8. 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 as of April 30, 2026
 - Revenue will come in a little over budget
 - Expenses – payroll, marketing & other coming in a little under budget
- Financial charts
 - 10 Year Monthly Recurring Revenue (Combined UIA & UTOPIA)
 - Line for UTOPIA continuing to increase due to Bountiful, Yellowstone, Idaho Falls – will increase with upcoming California project
 - UIA Revenue v. Bond Obligation

9. UTOPIA NETWORK UPDATE

- [LINK: Substance of matters proposed, discussed or decided](#)
- Item presented by Mr. Roger Timmerman, UTOPIA Executive Director
- Discussed competition and how it is being handled
- Reviewed subscriber report
 - Highest take rates organization has ever had in its history
 - More competitors in the space than ever before, yet UTOPIA is staying competitive
 - Expect a good start in FY 2027 due to UEN connections organization was awarded
 - Just lit up 400 Gig connection with University of Utah

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- Broke ground on a partner project in Glenn County, California
- Doing well across the board
- Highlighted increases resulting from door-to-door campaigns in various cities

10. ADJOURN

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

There being no further business of the UTOPIA Board of Directors, the meeting on Monday, June 8, 2026, was adjourned at 10:49 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 10th day of August, 2026