



## USU Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes

June 28, 2024 at 8:30 AM MST

USU - Logan campus, University Inn, Sonne Board Room

or via Zoom: <https://usu-edu.zoom.us/j/81689854692?pwd=BdFDJNA4Ror86K8etPWihWqFqx9PMU.1>

### Attendance

#### Trustees present:

Jacey Skinner, Chair

Gina Gagon, Vice Chair (remote)

Kent K. Alder

John Y. Ferry

Kacie Malouf

Heather Mason (remote)

David Petersen (remote)

Matthew Richey

Tessa White (remote)

Clark Whitworth

#### University representatives present:

Jeff Aird

Tiffany Allison (remote)

Lisa Berreau

Janalyn Brown

Joao Bueno

Steve Campbell

Elizabeth Cantwell, President

Dave Cowley (remote)

Jim Dandy

Kerri Davidson (remote)

Alison Fabricius

Jared Gerreau

Nancy Hanks

Haley Klaassen (remote)

Mica McKinney (remote)

John O'Neil

Kristian Olson

Bill Plate

Diana Sabau

Larry Smith

James Taylor (remote)

Matt White (remote)

#### Other guests present:

Alison Adams (remote)

1. Welcome (Presenters: Jacey Skinner)  
Chair Skinner welcomed all attendees.

2. Closed Session

In accordance with section 52-4-205 of the Utah Code I hereby move that the Trustees go into a closed Executive Session for the sole purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals, and discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems.

#### Motion:

Moved by Gina Gagon and motion seconded by Kacie Malouf. Roll call vote was initiated. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative and the meeting moved into a closed session.

**Trustees present:**

Jacey Skinner, Chair

Gina Gagon, Vice Chair

Kent Alder

John Ferry

Kacie Malouf

Heather Mason (Zoom)

David Petersen (Zoom)

Matthew Richey

Tessa White (Zoom)

Clark Whitworth

**University representatives present:**

Elizabeth Cantwell, President

Mica McKinney (Zoom)

Diana Sabau

Larry Smith

Kerri Davidson

Closed session adjourned and trustees returned to the regular meeting.

**3. Committee Reports****3.1. Executive (Presenters: Jacey Skinner)**

Chair Skinner reported the Executive Committee reviewed agenda items and recommend approval on the policies listed in the agenda.

**3.2. Honorary Degrees, Awards and Recognition (Presenters: Heather Mason)**

Committee Chair Mason shared attached report.

**3.3. Recruitment, Retention and Completion (Presenters: Tessa White)**

Trustee White shared attached committee report.

**3.4. Audit, Risk and Compliance (Presenters: Kent K. Alder)**

Trustee Alder shared attached report.

**3.5. Student Health, Safety and Well-being (Presenters: Heather Mason)**

Trustee Mason shared attached report.

**4. President's Report (Presenters: Elizabeth Cantwell)**

President Cantwell shared attached report. She also stated USU is a state of change due to factors in part as Executive Vice President Robert Wagner leaving to become president of Idaho State University and Utah HB261. Cantwell congratulated those working to elevate the institution in academics, marketing and advancement.

**5. Consent Agenda****Motion:**

Motion made to approve the consent agenda.

Moved by John Y. Ferry and motion seconded by Kent K. Alder. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

**5.1. Approve: Policy 376: Extra Service Compensation****5.2. Approve: Report of Investments for February 2024****5.3. Approve: Report of Investments for March 2024**

6. Action Agenda

6.1. Review and Accept: State of Utah Single Audit Report for the year Ended 30 June 2023 (Presenters: Kent K. Alder)

Trustee Alder reported in the Audit, Risk and Compliance Committee they reviewed the Single Audit Report and had no findings. The committee recommended the report be approved.

**Motion:**

Moved by Kent K. Alder and motion seconded by Clark Whitworth. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

6.2. Review and Accept: Authorization to Organize a Nonprofit Foundation and Enter into a Nontraditional Arrangement for the Development of the Monument Valley Facility (Presenters: Dave Cowley)

Vice President Dave Cowley stated the Moab project was successful in securing additional funding through the New Market Tax Credits (NMTC) program, which supports economic growth in low-income areas. The upcoming Monument Valley project, similar in scope to Moab, is expected to receive around \$2.8 million from the NMTC program, with an unlikely potential maximum of \$3.2 million. The process of securing NMTC funding involves significant legal and financial work, but it offers substantial financial support for qualifying projects. Cowley shared attached chart for further clarification.

**Motion:**

Motion to authorize organization of a nonprofit foundation and enter into a nontraditional arrangement for the development of the Monument Valley Facility.

Moved by Kacie Malouf and motion seconded by Tessa White. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

6.3. Approve: Non-State Funded Capital Development Project, Talmage Arena (Presenters: Dave Cowley)

Vice President Cowley presented the proposal for construction of a second covered arena at the Bastian Center, to be named the Talmage Arena, in recognition of a donation from the Paul Walton Foundation. The arena will cover approximately 50,000 square feet and is funded by donor contributions, grant funds, and ongoing support from the Bastian family. The project, which does not require legislative approval but does need approval from the Board of Trustees and the Utah Board of Higher Education due to its \$7 million budget, will be managed by DFCM unless delegated to the university. The funds are secured, and approval is sought to proceed.

**Motion:**

Motion to approve non-state funded capital development project, Talmage Arena

Moved by John Y. Ferry and motion seconded by Kacie Malouf. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

- 6.4. Review and Approve: Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) Grant Program (Presenters: Kristian Olsen, Jim Dandy, Director NASNTI 1, Joao Bueno, Director NASNTI 2)

<https://statewide.usu.edu/blanding/nasnti/>

Kristian Olsen shared the attached presentation which explained the institution currently holds two NASNTI Grants, known as NASNTI 1 and NASNTI 2, both aimed at supporting Native American and low-income students. NASNTI 1, first awarded in 2000 and renewed every five years, is set to expire in 2025 with reapplication efforts beginning soon. This grant, nearly \$2 million, primarily focuses on retention through mentorship programs, cultural outreach, and the Native American Summer Mentorship Program, which has successfully helped students transition to the main campus. The institution boasts the highest percentage of Native American students among NASNTI schools nationwide.

NASNTI 2, a \$2.5 million grant obtained in 2022 through COVID-related funding, is scheduled to end in 2027. While it also serves Native American students, it places a stronger emphasis on aiding low-income students. The grant's primary goal is to accelerate students' progress through college, reducing their financial burden. To this end, it funds initiatives to support students' emotional, social, and academic well-being, including the hiring of a new advisor and mental health therapist, as well as efforts to boost concurrent enrollment, particularly among Native American students in San Juan County.

**Motion:**

Motion was made to approve the Native American Serving Non-Tribal Institutions (NASNTI) Grant Program.

Moved by Kent K. Alder and motion seconded by John Y. Ferry. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

- 6.5. Approve: 2024-2025 Utah State University Budgets (Presenters: Dave Cowley)  
Vice President Cowley presented the attached budgets for full Board of Trustees approval.

**Motion:**

Motion was made to approve the 2024-2025 Utah State University Budgets

Moved by Clark Whitworth and motion seconded by John Y. Ferry. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Motion passed.

7. Information Agenda
  - 7.1. NWCCU Site Visit Invitation Letter
  - 7.2. Policy 506: Political Activity
  - 7.3. Policy 581: Cost Transfers for Sponsored Projects
  - 7.4. Policy 582: Time and Effort

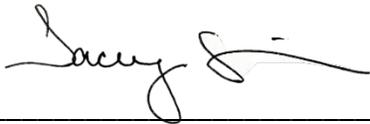
8. Adjourn

Chair Skinner thanked all in attendance.

**Motion:**

Motion made to adjourn.

Moved by Kacie Malouf and motion seconded by Kent K. Alder. Voting was unanimous in the affirmative. Meeting was adjourned.



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Jacey Skinner, Chair



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Janalyn Brown, Secretary  
(minutes taken by Janalyn Brown)

August 23, 2024

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Date Approved