

1 **MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL WASATCH COMMISSION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**  
2 **("CWC") MEETING HELD MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 2020 AT 3:30 P.M. THE MEETING**  
3 **WAS CONDUCTED ELECTRONICALLY WITHOUT A PHYSICAL LOCATION, AS**  
4 **AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER DATED MARCH 18, 2020.**

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6 **Present:** Chair Chris Robinson, Vice Chair Mayor Jenny Wilson, Mayor Mike Peterson,  
7 Mayor Erin Mendenhall

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9 **Staff:** Executive Director Ralph Becker, Deputy Director Blake Perez,  
10 Communications Director Lindsey Nielsen, Office Administrator Kaye  
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13 **Others:** Laura Briefer, Catherine Kanter, Lisa Hartmann, Kyle Maynard, Carl Fisher,  
14 Steve Van Maren, Chris McCandless

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16 **1. OPENING**

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18 **a. Meeting will be called to order by Chair of the Board, Christopher F. Robinson.**

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20 Vice Chair Mayor Jenny Wilson called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

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22 **2. Retreat Follow-Up**

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24 **• Committee Assignments**

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26 **○ Executive Committee will Finalize CWC Committee Assignments for the**  
27 **Upcoming Year.**

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29 Chair Chris Robinson reported that an email was sent regarding Committee Assignments. The  
30 Executive Committee reviewed adjustments that needed to be made. It was noted that Mayor Jeff  
31 Silvestrini would remain the Treasurer of the Budget/Finance Committee. He would take over for  
32 Mayor Erin Mendenhall who would remain on the Executive Committee.

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34 Mayor Wilson commented that it would be beneficial to have Mayor Mendenhall join the  
35 Legislative/Land Tenure Committee. Chair Robinson reported that the Transportation Committee  
36 would include Ex-Officio Member, Carlton Christensen, and Commissioner Max Doilney. Mayor  
37 Mike Peterson serves as Co-Chair.

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39 The Executive Committee discussed the Short-Term Projects Committee, which included Council  
40 Members Jim Bradley and Marci Houseman. CWC Deputy Director, Blake Perez stated that Mayor  
41 Mendenhall is currently on the Short-Term Projects Committee but had expressed interest in serving  
42 on the Legislative/Land Tenure Committee and is also a member of the Executive Committee.  
43 Participation on three committees may be too much and as a result, her name was been included on  
44 the Short-Term Projects Committee list. There were discussions regarding possible additions to the  
45 Short-Term Projects Committee. Mayor Sondak was suggested but it was noted that he already serves  
46 on the Budget/Finance Committee and Legislative/Land Tenure Committee.

1 Mayor Wilson commented that the primary focus of the CWC in 2021 pertained to transportation and  
2 land tenure. She commented that staff may be able to assist the Short-Term Projects Committee if  
3 another Commissioner cannot be appointed. Chair Robinson noted that Council Member Doilney  
4 could be added to the Short-Term Projects Committee. Council Member Doilney, who is a City  
5 Council Member from Park City, recently took over for Mayor Andy Beerman. Mr. Perez commented  
6 that staff would reach out to Council Member Doilney about the Committee Assignments.

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8 • **2021 CWC Project Gantt Chart**

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10 CWC Executive Director, Ralph Becker shared the Gantt Chart with the Executive Committee.  
11 Mayor Peterson discussed the timeline needed to make a transportation recommendation to the Utah  
12 Department of Transportation (“UDOT”). Mr. Becker reported that UDOT would be making a  
13 recommendation on an alternative by the end of the second quarter. Chair Robinson commented that  
14 the idea was to reach a transportation consensus by the end of March or early April. That would give  
15 UDOT 60 to 90 days to consider the CWC’s preferred alternative.

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17 • **Mountain Transportation System Action Plan**

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19 ○ **The Executive Committee will Review the Developed Timeline for the**  
20 **MTS Plan and Evaluation Matrix.**

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22 Chair Robinson discussed the timeline related to the Mountain Transportation System (“MTS”) and  
23 the evaluation matrix. He believed the timeline suggested that the initial evaluation matrix be  
24 completed prior to the January 4, 2021 Board Meeting. Mr. Perez confirmed that was the case. Staff  
25 discussed a pre-and post-evaluation matrix. The pre-evaluation matrix would be based on a pre-read  
26 of the UDOT Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) Alternatives Report and the post-evaluation  
27 matrix would be completed following a meeting with the UDOT EIS team in March 2021.

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29 Mr. Perez confirmed that an email would be sent to the Board Members before the January 4, 2021  
30 meeting with the UDOT EIS Alternatives Report from June 8, 2020, and November 20, 2020.  
31 Mr. Perez noted that the reason for the pre-and post-evaluation matrix was to determine whether there  
32 were changes in thinking between reading the UDOT EIS Alternatives Report and the discussions  
33 with mode experts leading up to the UDOT EIS team discussion in March.

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35 Catherine Kanter asked about the columns in the evaluation matrix. The first column on the left  
36 included the values discussed before the CWC Board Retreat. The second column included the  
37 attributes and objectives identified early in 2020. Ms. Kanter noted that CWC staff initially planned  
38 to fill out the evaluation matrix. Mr. Becker stated that staff could still fill out the evaluation matrix.  
39 However, he believed it would be beneficial to have the Commission Members fill out the pre-and  
40 post-evaluation matrix as a way to frame future discussions. It would allow them to think about  
41 various factors related to the modes. Additionally, it would determine whether the Commissioners’  
42 views or preferences changed as each transportation mode was discussed in detail.

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44 Mayor Wilson expressed concern regarding sharing a preference prior to the mode discussions prior  
45 to the meeting with the UDOT EIS team. She felt it would be problematic to put anything in writing  
46 so early on in the process. Mayor Peterson agreed. He noted that the evaluation matrix could be  
47 filled out and used as a personal tool but he was not comfortable submitting it to staff. He felt there  
48 was still more information to consider before stating a position. Mayor Peterson suggested that staff

1 prepare an evaluation matrix for reference. It could be adjusted after the meetings with the different  
2 mode experts and the UDOT EIS team.

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4 Chair Robinson pointed out that there were approximately 150 to 200 pages to read in the UDOT EIS  
5 Alternatives Reports. He asked the Commission Members to read them before the January 4, 2021  
6 Board Meeting and felt that filling out the evaluation matrix may be asking too much. He suggested  
7 that the evaluation matrix be added to the Board Meeting Agenda for review but not ask that it be  
8 filled out in advance. Staff could fill it out later or the Commissioners could fill it out after the mode  
9 expert meetings. Ms. Kanter believed it would be advantageous for staff to fill out the evaluation  
10 matrix.

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12 Mr. Becker noted that staff may benefit from reviewing the evaluation matrix. They could review the  
13 information and make notes as necessary. This would help staff further prepare for the January 4,  
14 2021 Board Meeting and open up discussions related to any refinements that may need to be made.

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16 The Executive Committee discussed potential dates for future CWC Board Meetings. Chair Robinson  
17 noted that the typical mid-month meeting for January will fall on Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He  
18 wondered if it would be possible to reschedule that meeting for January 14, 2021, or January 15,  
19 2021. Chair Robinson noted that the meeting could be postponed to January 25, 2021, but he  
20 preferred that the meeting take place closer to mid-month. There was discussion related to possible  
21 times and dates. Mayor Wilson indicated that she was unavailable the morning of January 14, 2021.  
22 Chair Robinson suggested sending out a poll to Board Members to determine availability. It was also  
23 noted that President's Day falls on February 15, 2021. A poll would be sent out to determine  
24 availability for that mid-month meeting as well.

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26 Chair Robinson wondered if staff should have the evaluation matrix completed before the March 1,  
27 2021 Board Meeting. Mayor Peterson believed a draft of the evaluation matrix should be completed  
28 by staff. He felt, however, that it should be recognized as a draft so that the Commissioners can make  
29 suggestions or modifications as needed. Chair Robinson asked that staff have the evaluation matrix  
30 completed prior to the March 1, 2021 Board Meeting for review. Mr. Becker suggested that staff  
31 could also develop a series of questions for the UDOT EIS team. Chair Robinson thought it was a  
32 good idea. He asked staff to have the questions and evaluation matrix ready ahead of the March 1,  
33 2021 Board Meeting.

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35 • **Legislation Action Plan**

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37 Chair Robinson invited questions from the Executive Committee. Mayor Wilson believed that if a  
38 meeting was held with legislative leadership, there would need to be further discussion regarding the  
39 approach. She felt it would be beneficial to have a preliminary conversation with Lobbyist, Casey  
40 Hill. Chair Robinson was under the impression that Mr. Hill thought some information engagement  
41 with legislation would be helpful.

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43 Mayor Wilson asked if Speaker Brad Wilson had appointed someone to represent him during the  
44 CWC conversations. Mr. Becker reported that at the last meeting, Senate President J. Stuart Adams  
45 appointed Senator Kirk Cullimore and Speaker Wilson appointed Representative Robert Spendlove  
46 to represent them in the CWC work. The CWC had been maintaining communication with the  
47 representatives. Sometime before the session or early in the session, there may be a visit with the  
48 representatives to discuss new developments.

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2 Mr. Becker commented that the connection to the Congressional Legislation was an essential  
3 component. The intent was not to wait until April 2021 when a lot of the conclusions related to the  
4 Commission work would be complete. The idea was to prepare the representatives during the session  
5 instead. Mr. Becker stated that this could be more of a briefing but noted that a fair amount of  
6 preparation work would need to be done. Chair Robinson suggested that Mr. Hill outline a  
7 recommended strategy to move forward with. Mr. Becker commented that he would follow up with  
8 Mr. Hill.

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10 Mayor Mendenhall commented that it had been refreshing to speak to Mr. Hill at a small group  
11 meeting the previous week. She felt it may be beneficial to bring Mr. Hill to one of the CWC Board  
12 Meetings or Executive Committee Meetings to discuss legislative strategy. Mayor Mendenhall  
13 suggested working backward from the desired outcome, which was to determine a Mountain  
14 Transportation System that aligned with the original intentions of the CWC. She felt it was important  
15 that the legislature see how important the CWC process was in influencing the outcome with UDOT.  
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17 Mayor Peterson noted that Cottonwood Heights had met with Senator Cullimore off and on over the  
18 last few years. He felt it was important that Senator Cullimore and Representative Spendlove  
19 understand the role of the CWC as a whole as well as the thoroughness of the individual  
20 municipalities. This would encourage the representatives to continue to be supportive.  
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22 • **Other CWC Actions**

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24 No other CWC actions were discussed.  
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26 **3. Review CWC January Agenda**

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- 28 • **Budget Amendment Hearing**
  - 29 • **Opening**
  - 30 • **Resolution Appointing Max Doilney as PC Representative**
  - 31 • **Committee Reports**
  - 32 • **MTS Topic #1 4:00-5:15**
  - 33 • **Public Comment**
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35 The Executive Committee reviewed the CWC January Agenda. Mr. Perez noted that Chair Robinson  
36 would need to open and close the public hearing for the budget amendment. There was discussion  
37 related to the placement of the items on the agenda.  
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39 Chair Robinson suggested that the item related to Council Member Doilney could also include a  
40 discussion about his appointment to the Short-Term Projects Committee and the Transportation  
41 Committee. Mr. Perez believed that all of the Committee Assignments should be discussed during  
42 the Committee Reports section. Chair Robinson felt that many of the Committee Reports should be  
43 eliminated from the meeting. Mr. Becker stated that written write-ups could be provided and made  
44 available to the Board Members. Chair Robinson liked the idea and stated that it was important to  
45 leave as much time as possible to review the UDOT EIS Alternative Reports from June 8, 2020, and  
46 November 20, 2020.  
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1 Chair Robinson asked that the evaluation matrix be sent out to the Board Members. There would be  
2 a brief overview of the evaluation matrix in January. However, Chair Robinson pointed out that the  
3 evaluation matrix would not be used until after meetings had been conducted with various mode  
4 experts. As a result, there would not be a full discussion related to the evaluation matrix during the  
5 January Board Meetings. Suggested changes could be submitted to Chair Robinson or staff via email.  
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7 Mayor Mendenhall appreciated the transparency but wondered if reviewing the monthly agenda was  
8 the best use of Executive Committee time. She felt that Chair Robinson and staff could review and  
9 set future agendas. Chair Robinson thanked her for her comment. He was comfortable with the CWC  
10 January agenda.  
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12 **4. ADJOURNMENT.**  
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14 **MOTION:** Mayor Mendenhall moved to adjourn. Mayor Peterson seconded the motion. The motion  
15 passed with the unanimous consent of the Committee.  
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17 The Central Wasatch Commission Meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

1 *I hereby certify that the foregoing represents a true, accurate, and complete record of the Central*  
2 *Wasatch Commission Executive Committee Meeting held Monday, December 21, 2020.*

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9 Minutes Approved: \_\_\_\_\_