

**MINUTES OF THE
UTAH STATE MEMBERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING
November 6, 2023, 12:00 Noon
Utah Retirement Office
Hybrid Meeting**

Council Members Participating in Person:

Ms. Amy Ehresman, Vice-Chair, Utah School Employees' Association
Ms. Heather Anderson, Utah Association of Special Service Districts
Mr. Larry Millward, Utah Retired School Employees' Association

Council Members Participating via Video Conferencing:

Ms. Sheri Dearden, Utah Association of Counties
Mr. Rod Hurd, Utah Education Association
Ms. Anna Lewin, Utah Education Association
Ms. Sandy Gustaveson, Utah Public Employees' Association
Judge Kara Pettit, Utah Judicial Council
Mr. Zane Woolstenhulme, Utah Association of School Business Officials

Excused:

Mr. Marty Peterson, Chair, Professional Firefighters of Utah
Mr. Jamie Davidson, Utah League of Cities and Towns
Mr. Brad Hardesty, Utah Association of Retired Public Employees
Ms. Tina McMullin, Utah Education Association
Mr. Scott Wilberger, Utah Peace Officers' Association

Staff Participating in Person:

Mr. Dan Andersen, Executive Director
Mr. Daniel Boster, Defined Contribution Director
Mr. Mark Cain, Deputy Executive Director
Mr. Kory Cox, URS Association and Stakeholder Liaison
Ms. Liza Eves, Senior Associate General Counsel
Mr. Robert Goodick, Retirement Planning Advisor
Mr. Dee Larsen, General Counsel
Ms. Stacey Nielsen, Retirement Benefits Director
Ms. Stacie Petersen, Executive Assistant

Staff Participating via Video Conferencing:

Mr. James Hammer, Employer Services Director
Ms. LuAnn Miskin, Executive Assistant

Guests Participating via Video Conferencing:

Mr. Jason Putman, Professional Firefighters of Utah
Ms. Jessica Bruner, Utah Public Employees' Association
Ms. Debra Valentine, Department of Human Resource Management
Mr. Brandon Wolf, Utah School Employees' Association

Welcome

Vice-Chair Amy Ehresman called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. and welcomed Council members, staff, and guests.

Approval of Minutes

Vice-Chair Amy Ehresman asked for approval of the October 2, 2023, Membership Council Meeting minutes.

ACTION: Mr. Larry Millward moved, seconded Ms. Anna Lewin, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2023, Membership Council Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Report from Member Organizations

Vice-Chair Amy Ehresman asked staff, guests, and Council members to provide a report from their organizations.

Ms. Heather Anderson reported that their board of trustees met and voted to support the changes in the employer contribution rate limits for employees.

Mr. Rod Hurd stated that they are concerned with the state legislature eliminating payroll deductions for UEA.

Ms. Anna Lewin discussed the employer contribution rate limit with the UEA council. She stated they would like to have URS come present to the presidents' organization regarding questions about Tier 2. Mr. Kory Cox said he would make arrangements to present at their next meeting.

Ms. Sheri Dearden stated that Mr. Kory Cox will be presenting at their annual convention next week regarding upcoming changes and direction going forward.

2024 Legislation Update

Mr. Dee Larsen and Mr. Kory Cox reviewed the following:

- URS Amendments Annual Bill
- Phased Retirement
- Tier 2 Statutory Employer Contribution Limits
- Return to Work Bill

Director's Report

Mr. Dan Andersen reiterated the standing offer to provide education to employers and members on the upcoming retirement legislative issues.

Tier 2 Choice: New Member Checklist

Mr. Robert Goodick reviewed the following:

- URS Tier 2 Make Your Choice Brochure
- URS Tier 2 New Member Checklist
- URS.org – New Members

The Retirement Planning Department has taken steps to encourage employees to go to urs.org to take advantage of the educational materials regarding retirement options.

Adjournment

ACTION: Mr. Larry Millward moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

The next Membership Council Meeting will be on December 4, 2023, at 12 noon. This will be a hybrid meeting.