



G R E A T E R S A L T L A K E

Municipal Services District

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES GREATER SALT LAKE MUNICIPAL SERVICES DISTRICT

Held Saturday, January 21, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.
At 2001 South State Street
Room N3-501
Salt Lake City, UT 84190

Trustees Present:

Joe Smolka, Chair
Keith Zuspan, Vice-Chair (via Webex)
Kelly Bush (via Webex)
Sean Clayton (via Webex)
Paulina Flint (via Webex)
Dan Peay
Laurie Stringham (Via Webex)

Staff Present:

Marla Howard, General Manager (Via Webex)
Brian Hartsell, Associate General Manager (Via Webex)
Stewart Okobia, Director of Finance (via Webex)
Tabitha Mecham, Administrative Coordinator
Trent Sorensen, Director of Planning and Development Services (via Webex)
Mark Anderson, Legal Counsel
Maridene Alexander, Communications Manager (via Webex)

Others Present:

Paul Ashton, Magna and White City Metro Townships Legal Counsel
Carolyn Kiegley, Town of Brighton Council Member
Dan Knopp, Town of Brighton Mayor
Heather Anderson, Utah Association of Special Districts
Al Peterson, Kearns Metro Township Council

1. Call to Order

Chair Smolka called the meeting to order at 2:00 pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

There not being an American flag in the room, the pledge of allegiance was not recited.

3. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Trustees

Joe Smolka Keith Zuspan Kelly Bush Sean Clayton Paulina Flint Dan Peay Laurie Stringham
Chair Vice Chair

4. Discussion of SLVLESA services

Trustee Bush explained a number of concerns regarding a Bill that is expected to be considered by the Legislature this year. Mark Anderson provided insights about the Bill and options, all of which would place the MSD member agencies in a predicament regarding law enforcement services, in the event the Bill becomes law. A general discussion of SLVLESA (Salt Lake Valley Law Enforcement Service Area) and UPD (Unified Police Department) followed.

Trustee Stringham joined the meeting at 2:21 p.m.

Trustee Stringham stated several points and issues that can and should be discussed with people to educate them on what is happening regarding the UPD Bill. It was suggested that Mark Anderson collect “talking points” to present a united front on the Bill.

5. Discussion regarding deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems (possible closed meeting pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-205(1)(f))

There was no need to close the meeting.

6. Approve position on legislative action

Trustee Flint moved to oppose the UPD Bill in its current form. Trustee Peay seconded the motion. The motion carried with Trustees Smolka, Bush, Clayton, Flint, Peay, Stringham and Zuspan each voting “aye”.

Trustee Bush stated that Nathan Bracken will be working with the Legislature in opposition to the Bill.

Trustee Clayton left the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

Chair Smolka reiterated that Mark Anderson will collect Bill talking points and would like to have well thought-out comments by Monday.

Marla Howard asked if the Bill would do away with SLVLESA or if SLVLESA would continue to be a viable entity. Mark Anderson responded that, in its current form, the Bill would not do away with SLVLESA, but it would do away with UPD.

7. Adjourn

Chair Smolka declared the meeting to be adjourned without objection at 3:04 p.m.

Approved by the Board of Trustees on the 8th day of February 2023.

Joe Smolka

Joe Smolka, Chair

ATTEST:

Stewart Okobia

Stewart Okobia, Clerk