



**The Meeting of the Utah Communications Authority's Public Safety Advisory Committee
Monday June 26, 2023 at 2:00 PM**

Anchor Location: 5215 Wiley Post Way, Suite 550, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome.

Tracey Glover: Thank you all for joining us.

2. Roll Call.

Tracey Glover	Brian Gwilliam	Lynne Yocom
Rob Nelson	Mike Mathieu	Jared Rigby
Clint Smith	Travis Trotta	Mike Brown
Darin Adams	Mike Phillips	TJ Brewer
Neil Johnson	Andy Smith	

3. Approval of April 10, 2023, meeting minutes.

Changes will be as follows: there was a duplicated roll call and some names spelled incorrectly. Once name spellings are updated, the vote was all in favor.

Motion: Tracey Glover motioned to approve minutes.

Second: Lynne Yocom seconded the motion.

Motion **passed** with all in favor.

Note: Tracey Glover gave a reminder to send invites for all future monthly meetings. Kati Peters asked if Tina Mathieu's be able to present a bit late. Tracey Glover agreed.

4. Development of a joint PSAP/PSAC transition subcommittee.

Tracey Glover: We would like to develop a sub-committee that would be available to UCA to answer user-end questions as the rollout takes place. For example: scanned lists might develop in actual radios or on consoles, if adjustments could be

made to some consoles and adaptable to different jurisdictions that might have different needs on the actual view of the console. Some members would be under PSAP and some would be under PSAC. The sub-committee would report back to PSAC. Fire captains and fire lieutenants have good working knowledge of the radio system, also police officers, troopers or sheriff deputies. The role of the subcommittee would be to talk to L3Harris, Motorola and UCA as the process is worked through to find adjustments to help the user end of things.

Discussion of statute and ensuring legality of the sub-committee. It's legal.

Both Wasatch Front and rural areas should have members involved. Two fire- both urban and rural, two law enforcement, both urban and rural, two other public works, both urban and rural and finally two "at large" members that have background interest knowledge to give a different perspective. A total of eight members should be the limit.

Should there be applications and how should it functionally be set up? Lynne Yocom would like to see a good cross section that represents our users.

Motion Chief Mike Mathieu moved to approve adding a sub-committee:

Second: TJ Brewer seconded the motion.

Motion **passed** with all in favor.

5. Remarks from Interim Director Tina Mathieu – joining at 2:27pm

Interim Director Mathieu stated that many things are in motion at this time, there has been a lot of training-that is the reason there are no UCA directors in attendance, they are all in training with L3H.

The budget passed with the Board.

Executive Director interviews will be happening Thursday and the Board will have a decision by Friday, July 7.

Senate Bill 212 had language about an audit; however, there will be no legislative audit this year as it did not make the agenda. We will be reviewed by the retirement and independent entities committee who UCA met with at the beginning of June. After speaking with Senator Harper, it was determined that there will be another meeting on September 11.

6, 7, 8: Report from Radio Network & P25 Project & Interoperability by Interim Director Tina Mathieu;

a. New radio site report/progress:

Sheriff Glover asked about updates on for getting towers on Navajo Mountain. Interim Director Mathieu said we were working on discussions. Ms. Yocom talked

about Verizon being able to get fiber optics in Navajo mountain – there are continuing struggles understanding legalities with communications – Interim Director Mathieu & Ms. Yocom will talk later as Ms. Yocom has some resources and ideas.

The funding being held by UCA for radios has been successful. Some smaller agencies have been reaching out. The deadline for ARPA funding requests is Friday and the receipts will be submitted. Plan is to spend the remainder of the 25 million appropriated to have a cache of radios on-hand for those smaller agencies who may not have already received. Talked to Senator Owens to request those extra radios be purchased and have for those agencies who have not heard of the program before now. We can get the radios at a 65% discount until Friday.

Questions? TJ Brewer and Chief Mike Mathieu wanted to ensure that the grant money will cover those who cannot afford the radios. This is why the radios are being purchased and held at this time. Radios will be given to the agencies who cannot afford them.

Expansion sites and goal for the year(already discussed) are still in place.

Discussions on Fiber Optics on Navajo Mountain. Ms. Yocom met with the Navajo Nation on June 6. She has also spoken with Verizon and should hear back about the tower requirements. UCA is waiting on the results from the application process. Ms. Yocom said that the Navajo Nation is trying to understand telecommunications in general. They brought in a specialized telecommunications attorney to help them with permits and legalities. Ms. Yocom will discuss specs and housing requirements to get options. She asked specifically about the tower.

9. Equipment Demonstration Report:

Mr. Nelson said the equipment demonstrations by L3H/UCA have taken place with good attendance- about 85 people. Will look to keep spreading the word as people appreciate the demos and information – no other comments.

10. Round Table Discussion

Ms. Yocom asked about attaching additional towers near Monument Valley-any benefit to this? Sheriff Glover said UCA can look at that regarding the dead spots. He will talk to Tina Mathieu again. Not on current plan, UDOT would be willing to help facilitate additional tower due to the need for more communication. Darin Adams added information about Brian Head and promises for assistance in providing help due to the population of the ski resorts. Ms. Yocom offered assistance in getting the communication there, concerns with life & death. No one with UCA to speak to this right now. There are similar concerns with Kane County by the Coral Pink Sand. Mr. Nelson talked to Sheriff Adams about coverage-discussion about network solutions-will

keep on it. Ms. Yocom on Nokia/LTE – want to see what we can do with hitting these rural pockets-Mr. Nelson said to start with Interim Director Mathieu to ensure demos and people to get this started. Chief Mathieu said the committee should come up with what is required from UCA. Money, resources-make priority list due to more often recurring gap issues-Ms. Yocom has some funding, would love to put this into place with the UDOT mapping, they have the funding to use by August. Travis Sylvester/Interim Director Mathieu would be the best. Mr. Nelson said coverage gaps should be addressed immediately-feeling of the fully digital system v the analog system-there will be no fade, that is the point of the P25. Sheriff Glover agrees with the committee to address coverage gaps to help with UCA remaining independent and the boards can be the advocates and the team to advise UCA. So much growth in the state. UCA-Mr. Sylvester can give the analysis. Ms. Yocom has good connections and resources. Chief Mathieu asked that the committee come up with a process whereby the users could submit coverage and gap concerns to create a prioritization list for UCA to have Mr. Sylvester get a handle on where the gaps exist. Discussions on best practices for prioritization and cost effectiveness.

11. Next Meeting July 31, 2023 at 2pm.

12. Motion to adjourn.

Sheriff Tracey Glover motioned to adjourn.

Sheriff Darin Adams seconded the motion.

All were in favor.