

*April 29, 2021*  
**Utah Seismic Safety Commission**  
*Held Virtually*  
**Draft - Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

On April 29, 2021, a regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the Utah Seismic Safety Commission (USSC) was held virtually on account of COVID-19. Chair, Keith Koper, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Members Present:**

Keith Koper, Chair	University of Utah Seismograph Stations
Steve Bowman, Vice Chair	Utah Geological Survey
Jessica Chappell, Vice Chair	Structural Engineers Association of Utah
Leon Berrett	American Public Works Association
Kris Hamlet	Utah Division of Emergency Management
Steven Bruemmer	American Institute of Architects, Utah Disaster Assistance
Patrick Tomasino	Utah Division of Facilities and Construction Management
Evan Curtis	Utah Governor’s Office Planning and Budget
Kyle Becker	Utah Insurance Department
Peter McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
Joaquin Mixco	Utah Department of Transportation
Divya Chandrasekhar	University of Utah
Rhett Larsen	Utah Board of Education
Sean McGowan	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
Chris DuRoss	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)

**USSC Staff Present:**

John Crofts	Utah Division of Emergency Management
Adam Hiscock	Utah Geological Survey
Emily Kleber	Utah Geological Survey

**Guests Present:**

Robert Grow	Distinguished Guest
Wade Mathews	Utah Division of Emergency Management
Mike Conway	State of Arizona
Janell Woodward	State of Nevada
Glen Palmer	BHW
Brad Bartholomew	Salt Lake County Emergency Management
Glen Palmer	Palmer Engineering
Loren Blauer	Volunteer citizen

**Members Not Present (excused):**

Orion Goff	Utah League of Cities and Towns
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\*Please note, other guests were present and not identified, due to meeting being held virtually. Most attendees and guests were introduced or identified online.

### **Welcome and Introduction of Members and Visitors/Approval of Minutes**

**Keith Koper** asked for introductions and invited attendees to introduce themselves. He asked for a review of the minutes from January 21, 2021 and February 9, 2021.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Patrick Tomasino** made a motion to approve the minutes, with stated corrections.

**Evan Curtis** seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously passed.

### **2021 Legislative Recap**

**Evan Curtis, Kris Hamlet and Jessica Chappell** provided a Legislative recap and discussed a variety of legislation that was of Commission interest. The Commission held discussion on various items from the Legislative session.

### **Discussion on Legislative Action Effectiveness in the Legislative Cycle**

**Keith** discussed Legislative Action Effectiveness and the Legislative Cycle.

**Divya Chandrasekhar** made a motion to establish a committee covering legislative affairs.

**Steve Bowman** seconded the motion for a committee.

Vote passed unanimously to establish a Legislative Affairs Committee

### **Discussion on the Appointment of the 15th USSC Commissioner, Individuals and Organizations that want to Participate, Commission Shortlist, and a Recommendation to the Utah Division of Emergency Management Director**

**Keith** discussed the appointment of the 15<sup>th</sup> Commissioner. The Executive Committee recommended Robert Grow to the Commission.

**Robert Grow** introduced himself and provided the Commission with his experience and qualifications.

**Evan Curtis** strongly recommended Robert Grow for the Commission. He made a motion to nominate Robert Grow as a recommendation for the 15<sup>th</sup> Commission member.

**Rhett Larsen** seconded the nomination.

**Keith** called for a vote and Robert Grow was unanimously nominated for recommendation to the Commission.

**Kris Hamlet** accepted the Commission's recommendation.

**Keith** welcomed Robert to the Commission.

### **Orientation Discussion for New USSC Commissioners: Training on Meetings, the Utah Open Meetings Act, and Suggestions and Recommendations**

**Keith** opened the Orientation Discussion for New USSC Commissioners: Training on Meetings, the Utah Open Meetings Act, and Suggestions and Recommendations. The commission discussed the role, rights and responsibilities, and open meetings act.

### **Update from the USSC Communications and Messaging Committee**

**Emily Kleber** provided an update from the USSC Publications Committee. Discussion included creating more one-page documents for Legislators and others.

**Jessica** reported on the Messaging committee and discussed it as a carry-over item for the next meeting.

### **Discussion on the Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Residential Handbook and a Review by the Structural Engineers of Utah**

**Glen Palmer** provided a discussion on the Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Residential Handbook and a Review by the Structural Engineers of Utah. He discussed the corrections, feedback and discussed others inputs. Some particulars of the document were discussed.

### **Discussion on the URM Review and Utah Schools**

**Jessica** provided a review and discussion of the Utah Schools URM update.

**Keith** invited attendees to discuss business. The next meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. noon.

By acclamation the meeting was dismissed.

### **ACTION ITEM**

- Put on the webpage a name of all the people on subcommittees into the website
- Emily Kleber offered to provide automated emails to Committee review
- Ad hoc meeting regarding messaging
- Begin creation a course with CEC credits for real estate and development courses later this year.
- Kris Hamlet will review with Legislature to remove USSC from the sunset clause.
- Recognition for past Board members.
- Carried the motion to provide an orientation meeting for new members.
- Bob will report out for the National Guard meeting and BRIC Application summary.
- Prepare training for new Commission one to two hours at next Commission meeting.
- Provide statutory legal guidance, Rene Spooner is the Assistant Attorney general that come prepared for training including open meetings act. (Kris Hamlet)
- Brent Mason will be willing to contribute to this brochure as well.
- United States Resiliency Council
- Publications Committee work on one-pagers for the state and the country
- Communications and Messaging Committee carry it until the next meeting
- Discuss with Legislature funding for Infrastructure. (Robert Grow and Jessica Chappell)
- Additional discussion with EERI