

*July 15, 2021*  
**Utah Seismic Safety Commission**  
*Held Virtually*  
**Draft - Quarterly Meeting Minutes**

On July 15, 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
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
Kyle Becker	Utah Insurance Department
Joaquin Mixco	Utah Department of Transportation
Divya Chandrasekhar	University of Utah
David Christensen (proxy)	Utah Board of Education
Sean McGowan	Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)
Orion Goff	Utah League of Cities and Towns
Robert Grow	Envision Utah

**USSC Staff Present:**

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

**Guests Present:**

Janell Woodward	State of Nevada
Glen Palmer	Palmer Engineering
Loren Blauer	Volunteer citizen
Barry Welliver	BHW Engineering

**Members Not Present (excused):**

Steve Bowman, Vice Chair	Utah Geological Survey
Evan Curtis	Utah Governor's Office Planning and Budget
Peter McDonough	American Society of Civil Engineers
Chris DuRoss	U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio)
Emily Kleber, Staff	Utah Geological Survey

\*Please note, other guests may have been 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 April 29, 2021.

### **Approval of Minutes**

**Jessica Chappell** made a motion to approve the minutes, with stated correction.

**Patrick Tomasino** seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously passed.

**Keith Koper** discussed Action Items, and updates to the Commission website.

### **Elections**

**Keith** asked for nominations for Chair and Vice Chairs.

**Leon Berret** nominated Keith Koper for Chair

**Keith** was unanimously elected

**Jessica Chappell** nominated Steve Bowman

**Steve** was unanimously re-elected for Vice-Chair

**Divya Chandrasekhar** nominated Jessica Chappell for Vice-Chair.

**Jessica** was unanimously elected.

**Rene Spooner** provided a detailed explanation of the Open Meetings Act. The main purpose is that the State provide their meetings openly and meet the transparency requirements. She provided an in-depth overview of the Open Meetings Law and answered questions and provided clarification.

**Keith Koper** provided a Commission Orientation, discussed the 1994 Statute that created the Commission, and provided a description and explanation of Advisory Committees. He provided details about prioritizing recommendations, loss reduction strategies, and discussed loss prevention measures. He provided information on various committees and answered questions on their goals and purpose.

**Keith Koper** announced slight changes to the agenda and mentioned that National Institute Standards and Technology (NIST) discussion would be postponed to a subsequent meeting.

**Emily Kleber** provided a Putting Down Roots update and discussed the improvements and updates. This publication will likely include a Spanish edition.

**Adam Hiscock** provided a detailed Utah Geological Survey fault update.

**Keith** invited attendees to discuss business. The next meeting is scheduled for October 7, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. noon. Notice would be sent out as to if the meeting would be in-person or virtual.

By acclamation the meeting was dismissed.

### **ACTION ITEM**

- Put on the webpage a name of all the people on subcommittees into the website
- Ad hoc meeting regarding messaging – *In Progress*

- Begin creation a course with CEC credits for real estate and development courses later this year. Course is preliminarily approved. John Crofts and Emily Kleber– *Completed and in progress*
- Legislature to remove USSC from the sunset clause. Kris Hamlet - *Completed*
- Discuss with Legislature funding for Infrastructure. (Robert Grow and Jessica Chappell) – *In Progress*
- Communications and Messaging Committee carry it until the next meeting – *In Progress*
- Hayward Discussion – Postpone item for later Seismic Safety Commission meeting – *In Progress, preliminarily scheduled for January Commission meeting*
- Additional discussion with EERI – *Completed*
- Marilyn Hoff requires Commission Pamphlets and Putting Down Roots materials – John Crofts – *Completed*
- URM Guide – *In progress*