# Adopted January 27, 2022 Utah Seismic Safety Commission Held Virtually Draft Quarterly Meeting Minutes

On January 27, 2022, 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.

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**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

Steven Bruemmer American Institute of Architects, Utah Disaster Assistance

Robert Grow Envision Utah

Kris Hamlet Utah Division of Emergency Management

Patrick Tomasino Utah Division of Facilities and Construction Management

Evan Curtis Utah Governor's Office Planning and Budget

Peter McDonough American Society of Civil Engineers
Joaquin Mixco Utah Department of Transportation

Divya Chandrasekhar University of Utah

Orion Goff
Utah League of Cities and Towns
Rhett Larsen
Utah State Board of Education

Sean McGowan Federal Emergency Management Agency (Ex-Officio)

**USSC Staff Present:** 

Bob Carey Utah Division of Emergency Management
John Crofts Utah Division of Emergency Management

Emily Kleber Utah Geological Survey

**Guests Present:** 

Bill Keatch Utah Geological Survey Walter Arabasz University of Utah, Retired.

Ari Bruening CEO, Envision Utah

Jacob Intern for Representative Collard

Glen Palmer Palmer Engineering

Kathy Holder Utah Division of Emergency Management

Jim Pechman University of Utah

Barry Welliver BHW

**Members Not Present (excused):** 

Kyle Becker Utah Insurance Department

U.S. Geological Survey (Ex-Officio) Utah Geological Survey

# 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.

# **Approval of Minutes**

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

Pete McDonough seconded the motion to approve minutes.

The motion carried.

# Commission Priorities for the 2022 Utah Legislative General Session

Keith discussed the Legislative General Session and turned the time over to Jessica Chappell.

# Comments and Discussion on the Commission 2022 Legislative Priorities

**Jessica Chappell** provided a detailed description of the discussion on the Commission and priorities. Commissioners and visitors participated in discussions regarding the Commission's recommendations and legislative priorities.

**Keith Koper** discussed **the** Commission's five recommendations, thanked everyone's participation in the recommendations, and thanked Envision Utah for their participation as a new partner on the Commission. He asked for a motion for the final document

**Divya Chandrasekhar** made a motion to accept the final document and five recommendations. **Evan Curtis** seconded the motion to approve the final document.

**Rhett Larsen** abstained from the vote.

The motional unanimously passed.

# Update on the Unreinforced Masonry (URM) Building School

**John Crofts** discussed the Wasatch Front Unreinforced Masonry Risk Reduction Strategy, and the URM Inventory and answered questions. He recognized everyone's participation and valuable assistance in completing these significant projects.

# **Update on the Commission Publication: Putting Down Roots in Earthquake Country**

**Emily Kleber** provided an in-depth update and provided the Commission with a review of the improved publication and delineated updates, improvements, and changes to the publication.

# **Announcements and other Business**

**Keith** invited the Commission to provide announcements and other business. The next Commission meeting will be held on April 14, 2022.

By acclamation, the meeting was adjourned.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note, other guests may have been present and not identified, due to the meeting being held virtually. Most attendees and guests were introduced or identified online.

# **ACTION ITEM**

- Schedule the next meeting (Completed)
- Carried the motion to provide an orientation meeting for new members. (Completed)
- Provide statutory legal guidance, Rene Spooner is the Assistant Attorney general that comes prepared for training including the open meetings act. (Completed)
- Discuss with Legislature funding for Infrastructure. (Robert Grow and Jessica Chappell—completed)
- Put on the webpage a name of all the people on subcommittees on the website (in process, new members being added)
- Emily Kleber will automate emails to the Committee review once the list is completed. (List is updated pending new members)
- Publications Committee work on Putting Down Roots and one-page information sheets for the state (In Process)