



## Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes January 30, 2017 • Ephraim, Utah

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### **Trustees Attending**

Theressa Alder, Chair  
Doug Barton  
Scott Bushnell  
David Christensen  
Bailey Dalton  
Leslie Keisel  
Emilee Kuchenmeister  
Erma Kaye May  
Rick Robinson

### **Trustees Absent**

Michael McLean

### **Others Attending**

None

### **College Personnel Attending**

Wayne Bushman, Internal Auditor  
Gary Carlston, President  
Jacob Dettinger, Finance VP  
Steve Hood, Academic VP  
Marci Larsen, Board Secretary  
Craig Mathie, Student Success VP

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### **Welcome**

Chair Alder called the meeting to order at 4:05.

### **Final SVC Audit**

The final SVC audit was reviewed during the Friday, January 27, 2016 meeting, and – because it was not listed as an action item – a vote could not be taken. Chair Alder asked if there were any additional questions since the meeting. Hearing none, Trustee Bushnell made a motion to accept and approve the audit report as presented. It was clarified that there was one date change on Page 28. Trustee Christensen seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Forensics Program**

Vice President Hood was unable to attend the trustees meeting on Friday, and he gave an update on the forensics program. He reported he had again talked to the Communications Department, as the trustees requested. He said all of the faculty (one was not in attendance) concurred that while the forensics program is very good for a handful of students, it has become difficult to administer. They agreed, he said, that suspending the program would be the best decision at this time. He said they acknowledged the hidden costs of operating the program and asked to keep three meets (one in-person and two virtual) scheduled for this semester. Vice President Hood said he then discussed the situation with the academic deans, and they voted to suspend the program. Trustee Bushnell said during the board meeting on Friday, the Academic and Student Affairs Committee took an in-committee vote to suspend the program and encouraged the school to do what was possible to help students interested in forensics. Dr. Hood said the class will remain and students will likely continue as a debate club. Trustee Bushnell made a motion to support the administration in suspending the forensics program indefinitely, effective with the 2017-2018 school year. Trustee Barton seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:12.