



UTA Governance & Operations

Presentation to the
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Colorado General Assembly

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Utah Transit Authority Governance

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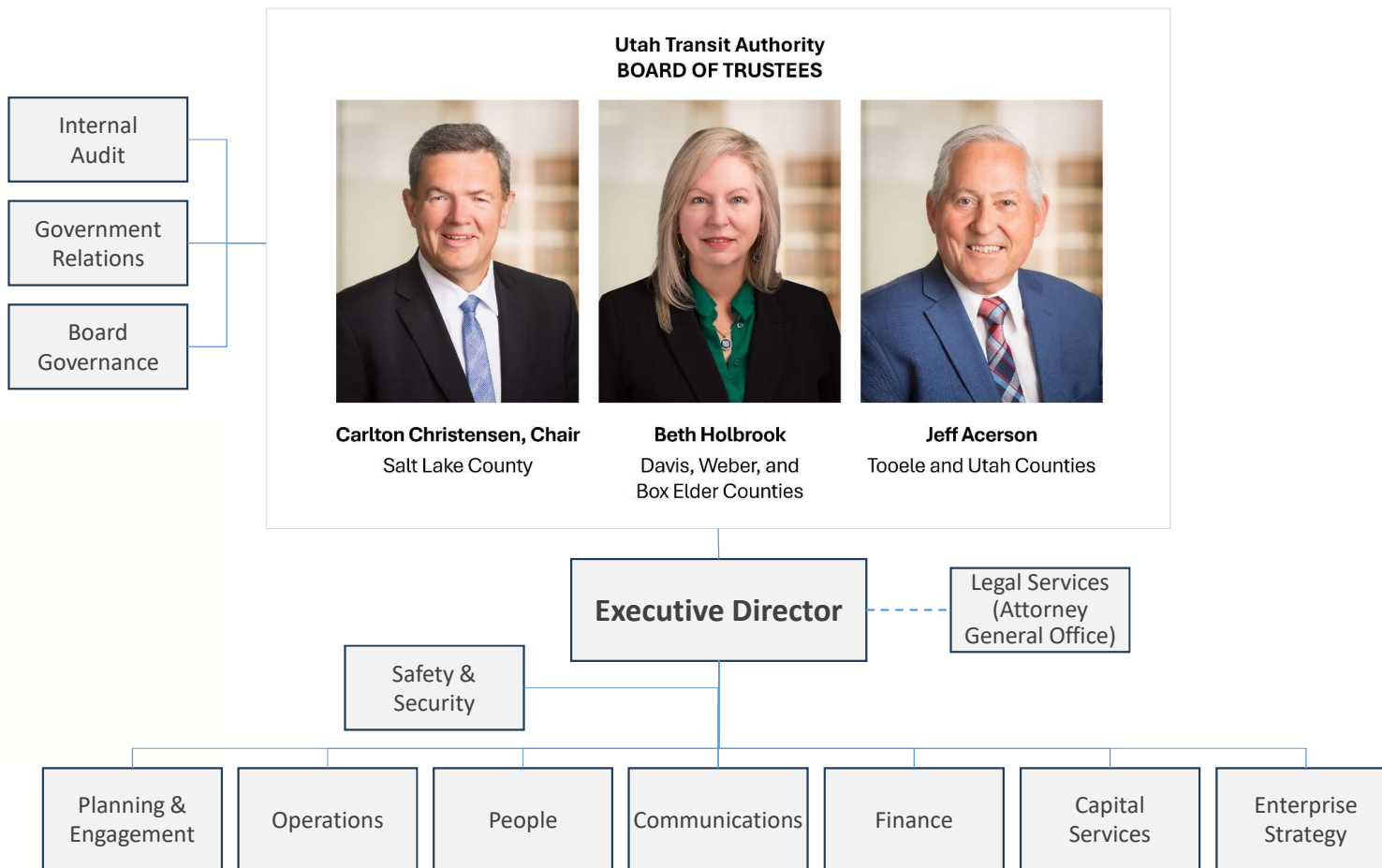
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UTA Leadership



UTA Board Appointment and Authority

State law assigns governance of UTA to the Board of Trustees.

The board:

- Is nominated by local officials
- Is appointed by the governor with State Senate consent
- Sets the agency's strategic direction
- Approves the agency's budget
- Directs and guides UTA business, policies, and actions

See Section 807.2 at <https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title17B/Chapter2A/17B-2a-P8.html>



UTA Strategic Plan

Mission: We Move You

Vision: Leading Utah's mobility solutions and improving quality of life

Strategic Priorities:

-  **Moving Utahns to a Better Quality of Life**
-  **Exceeding Customer Expectations**
-  **Achieving Organizational Excellence**
-  **Building Community Support**
-  **Generating Critical Economic Return**



Learn more at: rideuta.com/strategicplan

2014 & 2024 Legislative Audits

- 2014 audit noted agency shortcomings and deficiencies needing correction
- 13 of 14 items from the 2014 audit are completed
- 2024 review of UTA governance and planning was constructive
- 9 out of 10 recommendations from the 2024 review are in various stages of completion







View the report at <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2024/pdf/00001996.pdf>



UTA Sustainability Plan and Progress



◆ As a result of agency operations but supported in the board budget approval

| | 2022 | 2023 | % Change from 2022 to 2023 |
|---|--|------------------------------------|----------------------------|
|  | | | |
|  CO₂ | | | |
| Total Emissions 96,527 Metric Tons (facilities and all transit) | Total Emissions 98,201 Metric Tons (facilities and all transit) | Change from 2022 +1.7%* | |
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| Natural Gas Use 82,435 Btu/sq.ft. (facilities) | Natural Gas Use 81,934 Btu/sq.ft. (facilities) | Change from 2022 - 0.6% | |
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| Energy Use 12.95 kWh/sq.ft. (facilities) | Energy Use 12.67 kWh/sq.ft. (facilities) | Change from 2022 - 2.2% | |
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| Electric Buses 3 | Electric Buses 31 | Change from 2022 + 933% | |
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| Total Ridership 31,439,582 | Total Ridership 35,059,930 | Change from 2022 + 11.5% | |

*In 2023, the square footage of UTA's facilities increased by 9.4% and their fleet traveled 3.7% farther

UTA Ridership 2023

| Service Type | 2023 Ridership | Year Over Year Change |
|-------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| All UTA Services | 35,059,930 | +11.5% |
| Bus Service | 18,079,307 | +14.4% |
| Commuter Rail | 3,736,621 | +15.7% |
| Light Rail | 10,677,306 | +3.6% |
| Streetcar | 366,423 | -14.8% |
| Paratransit | 343,532 | +8.4% |
| Vanpool | 1,033,123 | +44.7% |
| Microtransit | 415,010 | +68.2% |

◆ Ridership initiatives managed by agency operations but supported in the board budget approval and input on updates



UTA Ridership 2024 Year-to-Date

| Service Type | Ridership YTD (as of June 2024) | Year Over Year Change |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|
| All UTA Services | 19,876,225 | +18.3% |
| Bus Service | 9,994,952 | +12.2% |
| Commuter Rail | 2,008,189 | +14.2% |
| Light Rail | 6,636,402 | +33.3% |
| Streetcar | 222,289 | +27.3% |
| Paratransit | 182,867 | +6.4% |
| Vanpool | 570,204 | +0.8% |
| Microtransit | 269,982 | +43.2% |



Looking Forward

