REGULAR MEETING
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY ADVISORY BOARD (EOAB)

Held at Grand County Commission Chambers
125 E Center St
Moab, Utah 84532

1/29/25 Economic Opportunity Advisory Board (EOAB)

MINUTES

January 29, 2025 | 3:00pm

****Time stamps (HH:MM:SS) correspond to the video****

Members in Attendance: Ben Fredregill, Chris Wilson, Melisa Jeffers, Melodie McCandless, Ashley Korenblat, Mark Tyner, Forrest Rodgers

Members in Attendance Remotely: Jazmine Duncan, Cory Shurtleff, Zac Whitwell

Non-members in Attendance: Aaron Lindberg, Brittney Melton, Shalee Bryant, Ben Alter

Non-members in Attendance Remotely: Jen Sadoff

Call To Order
00:00:30
Introductions
00:01:00
Conflicts Of Interest, Disclosures, Ex-Parte Communication
00:02:50, none at this time
Citizens To Be Heard
00:03:00, none at this time
Presentations, If Any
00:03:00, none at this time

Discussion And Action Items

Approval Of November 7, 2024, November 20, 2024, And December 18, 2024, Meeting Minutes (00:03:05)

a. Chris motioned to approve the meeting minutes as presented. Melisa seconded the motion. No discussion, passed unanimously.

Interview Of Applicants For The Following Positions: One (1) Workforce Development Representative, Voting; Two (2) Private-Sector Representatives, Voting; One (1) Member Of The Public Who Lives In The County, Voting (00:04:20)

a. Forrest asked Ben A. to describe to the board what positions were open and their associated requirements. He reviewed the clarifications received from the Governor's

Office of Economic Opportunity (GOEO) regarding the requirements of a "workforce development representative."

b. Forrest began to interview the candidates in attendance:
    i. Shalee Bryant (00:07:30)

At 00:11:30, Zac Whitwell joined the meeting.

    ii. Brittney Melton (00:15:30)
    iii. Jen Sadoff (00:21:30)
    iv. Aaron Lindberg (00:31:30)

Discussion And Possible Action To Recommend The Appointment Of Four (4) Members To The Grand County Economic Opportunity Advisory Board (00:39:20)

a. Forrest asked Ben A. to reiterate the vacancies on the board and the requirements associated with each open role. He shared the board's bylaws which include language on how a "workforce development representative" may be defined. Forrest opened the discussion by reviewing the candidates interviewed and determining which roles each could fit. Ashley asked and Chris repeated the names of all candidates. Ashley noted Chris and Melisa's involvement in "major projects" and voiced support for the continued presence on the board. Chirs commended the quality of the candidates, especially of those eligible for the workforce development role. Ashley and Jazmine echoed this sentiment. Melisa asked a process question, suggesting the board first determine its ideal candidates before determining their board representation. Forrest explained the history of the board and its evolved mission. The board discussed its grant-making process, GOEO programming, and the composition of the board. Melisa asked a clarifying question to determine which candidates could fit within the open roles.
b. Ashley motioned to recommend the membership of Melisa Jeffers, as a member of the public who resides in the county, and Chris Wilson, as a member of the private sector, to the county commission. Jazmine seconded the motion. No discussion, passed unanimously.
c. Forrest explained to the board and listeners how Melisa and Chris had recently contributed in major ways, namely, through their leadership in workshopping the Trail to Tomorrow Strategic Plan. The board discussed the purpose of the board broadly.
d. Chris motioned to recommend the membership of Jen Sadoff, as a workforce development representative, to the county commission. Ashley seconded the motion. The board briefly discussed the talents and strengths of Jen as well as Sarah. Forrest called for a vote, passed unanimously.
e. The board discussed the remaining candidates and the remaining private sector vacancy.

At 01:15:30, Forrest called for a brief recess. Deliberations resumed at 01:21:35.

f. Jazmine motioned to recommend the membership of Aaron Lindberg, as a private sector representative. Chris seconded the motion. Ashley noted that the prospect of "cross-pollination" between the EOAB and the Planning Commission was a contributing factor for her support of Aaron's candidacy, a notion voiced earlier by Jazmine. Ben A. noted the board's unfilled position of Grand County Planning and Zoning representation. Forrest also voiced his support for Aaron, noting his profession and activity within the community. Forrest called for a vote, passed unanimously.

Brief discussion between the board and members of the public ensued.

Election Of Chair And Vice-Chair Of The Board For 2025 (01:31:40)

a. The board discussed their bylaws, with members voicing their support to postpone this item until the board was fully-staffed with new members. At request, Ben A. provided interpretation of the bylaws which both call out the appointment of officers and note that the board strives to operate as full before making such decisions. Board members further discussed the cadence of application intake.
b. Chris moved to postpone the item to the board's February meeting, following commission approval of new board membership. Ashley seconded the motion. No discussion, passed unanimously.

Discussion: Topics And Experts To Engage For General Plan Drafting Process (01:39:50)

a. Forrest briefly introduced the item, recommending that the board postpone it to their February meeting. Chris briefly shared that his hope is to ask the board what other community members and experts should be involved in the general plan section drafting process. The board discussed different ways this could be accomplished. Melodie voiced support for exploring the proposed projects discussed at the January 28, 2025, EOAB meeting. Melisa reiterated her desire to have a firm timeline to guide the board's work. Ashley discussed topics that could be part of the planning process.

At 01:48:35, Forrest adjourned the meeting.