

## MINUTES

### Davis Technical College Board of Trustees Virtual Meeting

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Thursday, September 10, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. | Haven J. Barlow Board Room

Meeting conducted in-person/electronically.

Meeting started at 8:30 a.m.

Conducting: Tami Tran, Board Chair

*(r) = remote*

#### **Trustee Members Present**

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| Tami Tran, Chair              | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Kyle Brostrom, Vice Chair (r) | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Justin Atkinson (r)           | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Andrea Brooks (r)             | Morgan School Board Representative |
| Ginger Chinn (r)              | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Brigit Gerrard (r)            | Davis School Board Representative  |
| Brandon Howard (r)            | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Tucker Morgan (r)             | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Ken Romney (r)                | Business/Industry Representative   |
| Morgan Sutherland (r)         | Business/Industry Representative   |

#### **Administration**

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| Darin Brush        | President/CEO                                     |
| Dr. Kelly Simerick | Vice President of Instruction and Student Success |
| Jeff Lund          | Vice President and Chief Financial Officer        |
| Owen Horne         | Vice President and Chief Information Officer      |
| Wendee Cole        | Chief of Staff/Recording Secretary                |

#### **Guests**

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| Alison Anderson (r) | College Associate Vice President of Instruction                 |
| Bryce Fox (r)       | College Director of Facilities Services & Risk Management       |
| Dee Weaver (r)      | College Director of Health Professions Programs                 |
| Linda Watts (r)     | College Director of Technical and Apprenticeship Programs       |
| Lindsey Rees (r)    | College Foundation Director and Grants Administrator            |
| Sherry Rauch (r)    | College Director of Marketing and Community Relations           |
| Wes Turner (r)      | College Director of Educational Excellence                      |
| Katie Mazzie (r)    | USHE Associate Commissioner of Government and Trustee Relations |
| Jeremy Shaw (r)     | State of Utah Assistant Attorney General                        |

#### **Excused**

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| Brad Wilson | Weber State University Board of Trustees Representative |
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**Public Comment**

There were no comments.

**Approval of Minutes of May 28, 2026 Meeting**

A motion to approve the Minutes of the May 28, 2026, meeting was made by Trustee Gerrard, seconded by Trustee Morgan. The motion passed unanimously.

**Instruction and Student Success Division**

This special meeting of the Board was held to meet approval timelines set by the Utah Board of Higher Education and the Council on Occupational Education. The Board considered the teach-out of the Software Development program and the launch of the new Data Technology program to comply with the revised deadlines.

**Teach-out of Software Development Program**

The Board reviewed the proposed teach-out of the Software Development program due to low enrollment, low graduate placement rates, and evolving industry hiring trends. Industry partners indicated that entry-level software development positions increasingly require bachelor's degrees, while advances in artificial intelligence have reduced demand for many entry-level roles. The program has also fallen below accrediting benchmarks for graduate job placement. Based on workforce needs and program outcomes, approval was recommended to begin the teach-out process.

**Approval of Data Technology Program**

The Board reviewed the proposed Data Technology program, designed to prepare students with skills in data management, analysis, visualization, and process automation. The program was developed in collaboration with Bridgerland Technical College and industry partners, and responds to growing workforce demand for data-related occupations. The program aligns with the College's mission to provide high-quality career and technical education and offers students pathways to high-demand careers. Approval of the new program was recommended.

A motion to approve the teach-out of the Software Development program and the implementation of the new Data Technology program was made by Trustee Atkinson, seconded by Trustee Gerrard. The motion passed unanimously.

**Institutional Update**

President Brush reported on the Utah Board of Higher Education (UBHE) meeting held the previous day, where discussion centered on the technical college strategic reinvestment plan. The Board expressed support for Davis Technical College's proposal to implement the new Data Technology program and endorsed the strategic reinvestment plan as presented.

As part of the College's ongoing practice of evaluating resource allocation when programs are discontinued, the plan includes redistributing resources to support three priority areas:

expansion of the Automotive Technology and Nail Technology programs, and implementation of the Data Technology program. The UBHE had a thoughtful policy discussion regarding the allocation of resources to the Nail Technology program.

President Brush noted that the strategic reinvestment plan will be presented in greater detail at the September 24 Davis Technical College Board meeting.

President Brush reminded the Board that at its May 28, 2026 meeting, the Board directed the College to pursue transferring Career Path High authorization to the Utah State Charter School Board, with the intent of transitioning operational control of Career Path High to NUAMES. Following additional review, it was determined that the transition process could take up to three years to complete. President Brush indicated that an alternative option, which can be implemented in a timelier manner, will be presented for Board consideration at the September 24 meeting.

**Closed Session**

Trustee Atkinson moved that the Board enter into a closed session pursuant to Utah Code Sections 52-4-204 and 52-4-205 for the purpose of discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; impending litigation; security personnel, devices, or systems; or the sale of real property. Trustee Gerrard seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote, the motion passed by more than two-thirds vote of members present. The Board entered closed session at 8:45 a.m.

**Closed Session**

Trustee Gerrard moved to return to open session. Trustee Atkinson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Board returned to open session at 9:19 a.m.

**Adjournment**

Trustee Morgan made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.