

**Cache County Form of Government Study**  
**Committee Meeting Minutes – September 3, 2025**

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**Time:** 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM (MDT)

**Place:** Cache County Council Chambers (199 N Main St., Logan, UT, 84321)

**Present Committee Members/Staff:**

- Jack Draxler (Chair)
- Bryan Cox
- Jordan Mathis (Vice Chair)
- Blake Wright
  
- Dr. Damon Cann, Committee Consultant, was present (joined remotely).
- Andrew Erickson, Committee Secretary, was also present.

**Excused Committee Members/Staff:**

- Ed Buist

**Others Present:** Corbin Allen (Herald Journal), and two unnamed members of the public.

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**1. Call to Order (0:09)**

Chair Jack Draxler called the meeting to order. He noted that all committee members were present except for Mayor Ed Buist, who was excused.

**2. Review and Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2025 Meeting (1:07)**

A motion was made by Blake Wright to approve the August 21, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**3. Review of Committee Timeline Framework & Progress (1:29)**

Andrew Erickson reported that the committee is still in Phase Two: In-Depth Research and Outreach and is on schedule. He noted that the goal is to make a decision by November about whether to propose a change in the form of government. Jack Draxler mentioned that he will be recovering from knee replacement surgery between October 31 and November 7 but does not expect it to interfere with the committee's work.

**4. Public Outreach & Communications Plan (3:11)**

Jordan Mathis presented the idea of a public debate with committee members debating the four forms of government. Bryan Cox raised concerns about the time commitment and value of this format. The committee then discussed public forums and open houses. Andrew Erickson proposed holding three forums in different parts of the county: one in the north, one in the south, and one in or near Logan. He suggested using municipal council chambers as venues. The committee agreed that three locations (North,

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South, and Central) were appropriate. Bryan Cox made a motion for committee members to contact mayors in the respective municipalities to find available dates for these open-house-style meetings, avoiding the second week of October due to fall break. The motion was seconded and passed.

The committee agreed on a format for the forums: a presentation that covers the four forms of government one at a time, followed by a clarifying question-and-answer session after each section. They also discussed using QR codes for surveys to gather feedback from attendees.

**5. Initial Survey Feedback (40:34)**

Dr. Damon Cann presented a summary of the feedback from the survey of current and former Cache County elected officials.

- Overall Response: The survey had a 71% response rate (15 out of 21 individuals).
- Key Findings:
  - There was a wide range of opinions on whether a study of the form of government was necessary.
  - While a majority felt the current form of government is operationally effective, a substantial number disagreed, citing confusion over roles and inefficiencies.
  - Respondents praised the separation of powers and geographic representation.
  - A significant issue noted was conflict that occurs when branches overstep their roles, with many attributing this to personalities.
  - There was strong agreement that the county's current government enables it to respond quickly and effectively to urgent issues.

Jack Draxler raised the idea of having the Utah Association of Counties provide ongoing training to the county government. Bryan Cox noted that the Utah League of Cities and Towns provides such training.

**6. Other Business (1:24:20)**

Jordan Mathis brought up the possibility of speaking with an auditor who conducted an in-depth audit of Cache County in 2023. He suggested the auditor might have a perspective on how the county's structure impacted operational issues. Jordan and Jack agreed to speak with the auditor to determine if their insights would be relevant to the committee's work.

Dr. Damon Cann provided an update on the video presentation for the public forums. He has contacted someone about creating a video and will report back on the cost.

**7. Adjournment (1:36:00)**

A motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned.

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**NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING SET FOR:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

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