

Cache County Form of Government Study

Committee Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2025

Date: Tuesday, November 20, 2025

Time: 7:00-8:35 PM (Approx.)

Place: County Council Chambers located at 199 N Main St, Logan, UT, 84321

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:



Andrew Erickson
Committee Secretary
Form of Government Study Committee

Attendees

Present Committee Members/Staff

- Jack Draxler, Chair
- Jordan Mathis, Vice Chair
- Ed Buist, Committee Member
- Blake Wright, Committee Member
- Brian Cox, Committee Member
- Dr. Damon Cann, Committee Consultant
- Andrew Erickson, Committee Secretary

Absent/Excused Committee Members:

- N/A

Others Present:

- Corbin Allen, Herald Journal

Call to Order (0:02)

The meeting was called to order by Jack Draxler at approximately 7:00 PM. He welcomed the full committee and noted the presence of every member along with staff and consultants.

Approval of Minutes (0:59)

Jack Draxler opened the floor for additions or corrections to the minutes from the November 5 meeting. Ed Buist moved to approve the minutes and the motion was seconded. The committee voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

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Timeline and Progress (1:10)

Jack Draxler reported on his communication with the County Council. Chair Goodlander placed the study committee on the agenda for December 2 to deliver the final report. The council invited all committee members to attend for recognition. Jack Draxler informed the council that a written report would be provided, though the oral summary at the meeting should be confined to approximately 15 minutes. Andrew Erickson noted that the December 9 meeting was also available if more time was needed for drafting, but the committee expressed a preference for the December 2 date.

Drafting and Adopting Final Report (2:47)

The committee discussed the draft of the final report. Dr. Damon Cann explained that the structure was based on state code requirements to demonstrate that the committee discharged its duties faithfully. He emphasized that the report should reflect the thinking of the committee members.

Jack Draxler noted a typographical error on the last page where the form of government was mislabeled. Blake Wright pointed out inconsistencies in the use of first and second person perspective on page five and a sentence that stopped abruptly on page eight. Dr. Damon Cann agreed to finalize these corrections, noting that high levels of satisfaction with the current form of government were observed in the data.

Bryan Cox expressed appreciation for the work of Dr. Damon Cann and Andrew Erickson in keeping the group on task and providing necessary information.

Deliberation on Recommendations (12:22)

The committee reviewed potential recommendations to include in the report. Bryan Cox suggested that while the recommendation is to stay with the current form of government, the common threads regarding communication and performance should be acknowledged.

Dr. Damon Cann noted that the recommendation section had been left blank to allow the committee to choose which items to include. The committee discussed the importance of training on roles and responsibilities. Jack Draxler mentioned that while some officials feel they are already well-trained, a recommendation for regular, mandatory training remains fair.

Blake Wright proposed recommending that the Organic Act language be made gender neutral. He also suggested that certain elected positions, such as the Treasurer and Auditor, should have professional qualifications or certifications required, provided such requirements are allowable under state law. Jordan Mathis supported this, noting that financial backgrounds are critical for those roles.

Jordan Mathis introduced the concept of the de facto veto, where an executive may fail to act on a resolution or contract. He suggested the council study policy solutions or consult with state leaders to address pocket vetoes or inaction. The committee agreed to include a recommendation for studying the balance of power and potential remedies for de facto vetoes.

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Final Approval of Report Content (1:33:58)

The committee reached a consensus on five specific recommendation points to include at the end of the report:

1. Training for elected and appointed officials.
2. Continuous review of duties and power allocation.
3. Adoption of gender-neutral language in the Organic Act.
4. Professional qualifications for the offices of Treasurer and Auditor.
5. Study of de facto veto powers and policy remedies.

Jordan Mathis moved to approve the overall content of the report as discussed, including the recommendations and non-substantial changes to graphics. Ed Buist seconded the motion. The committee voted unanimously to approve the final report.

Final Administrative Actions and Adjournment (1:35:39)

Andrew Erickson requested authorization to draft and publish the minutes of this final meeting without a formal reconvening. Bryan Cox moved to authorize Andrew Erickson to draft and post the minutes after a review period for corrections. The motion was seconded and approved.

The committee also discussed preserving the committee's files, including minutes and survey data, at the Utah State University library archives. The committee expressed support for preserving the full record of their deliberation.

Ed Buist thanked the staff and committee members for their work. He moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded and approved. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40 PM.

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This is the final meeting of the 2025 Cache County Form of Government Study Committee

This Committee has been dissolved as of the writing of the minutes, and as such no further meeting of the Committee was scheduled or available for listing.