Technical Advisory Committee Meeting
August 21, 2025

Attendance: Jim Stewart, Jonathan Karras, Jenn Gibbs, James Hodges, Greg Scherer, Jeremy Cox, Mike McIntosh, Rick Gaisford, James Deaton, Spencer Jenkins, David Long, Troy Jessup

Welcome

Agenda Bash

WildWEST Grant Update (Hat Ranch Activity)
During the recent visit to Hat Ranch, the focus was on planning for the next 12 months. Discussions centered around training initiatives and outreach efforts at both the national and regional levels. The team also identified key groups and target areas that should be prioritized for outreach moving forward.

BLM Fire Camera Proposal
The grant is currently in a 60-day review period with BLM. If approved, it will fund approximately 20 fire cameras to be deployed across various sites in Utah over the next five years.

This initiative is a collaborative effort involving the Utah Communications Authority, UDOT, BLM, and several other partners. Together, they will identify strategic locations throughout the state for camera placement, enhancing fire monitoring and response capabilities.

UDOT Activities
UDOT has been able to secure most of the 4.9 GHz net spectrum in the state of Utah.

Start of School Update
Some districts have implemented a policy prohibiting personal devices in the classroom. Since its rollout, a few devices have been confiscated and returned to parents. Notably, there have been no repeat violations, indicating strong compliance with the new policy.

Member Interests – time permitting
UETN has established a statewide Zoom Enterprise Essentials Package contract for stakeholders. Through collaboration with Zoom, UETN secured a highly competitive and deeply discounted package – not only for Zoom meetings, but also for a wide range of Zoom products used by stakeholders across the state.

This contract was designed to be inclusive, ensuring that all institutions receive the same pricing and access to the same suite of products. The goal is to create a consistent, standardized experience across the K-20 education sector.

Institutions can take full advantage of the Enterprise Essentials Package and also have the flexibility to purchase additional "add-on" products as needed.

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