

Written Determination of the Salt Lake County Council Chair to Convene and Conduct an
Electronic Meeting of the Council Without a Publicly Accessible Anchor Location

Consistent with provisions of the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(5), and acting in my capacity as Salt Lake County Council Chair, I hereby make the following written determination to potentially convene and conduct an electronic meeting of the Council, and its associated work session meeting, without an anchor location that is accessible to members of the public on Tuesday, April 4, 2023:

1. Conducting the Council's Tuesday, April 4, 2023, meetings with an anchor location that is accessible to members of the public may present a substantial risk to the safety of those present or who would otherwise be present at the anchor location; and
2. This determination is based upon the following facts, among others:
 - a. The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for the Salt Lake Valley, effective until 6:00 PM MDT, on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, and has forecasted snow accumulations of 6 to 12 inches on the valley floors;
 - b. The National Weather Service and the Utah Department of Transportation are predicting major travel impacts throughout the day on Tuesday, April 4, 2023;
 - c. The Salt Lake County Government Center, which is the anchor location for the Council's meetings, is within the area forecasted to receive significant weather impacts, and local authorities are discouraging unnecessary travel in the area;
 - d. Based on these weather and travel-related safety concerns, Salt Lake County government may close or modify operations at the Salt Lake County Government Center on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, and the public is encouraged to avoid unnecessary travel, and to participate in the Council's meetings electronically;

- e. A final determination about whether the Council’s April 4, 2023, meetings will include an anchor location that is accessible to members of the public may be made during the meetings consistent with Utah Code Ann. § 52-4-207(5)(b); and
- 3. The Council has prepared for and has previously demonstrated the ability to effectively conduct its public meetings electronically, including providing members of the public means to observe the Council’s meetings and provide comments electronically, and the Council’s agendas for the April 4 meetings include information and instructions on how a member of the public may attend the meeting remotely by electronic means, including the ability to make public comment.

These written determinations are effective for the Council’s Work Session and Council Meetings, held in Salt Lake City on April 4, 2023, and a copy of this written determination shall be included in the meeting minutes.

Dated this 4th day of April, 2023.

SALT LAKE COUNTY COUNCIL

By: _____

Aimee Winder Newton, Chair

ATTEST:

Lannie Chapman

Salt Lake County Clerk