



Time: 10:00-11:00 am

Date: March 18th, 2026

Place: [Virtual](#) (Zoom video conference)

Council Members in Attendance:

Council Members Absent:

Total number of attendees: ##

Agenda Items	Discussion Items	Actions/Suggestions
Welcome Palak Gupta		
Roll Palak Gupta		
Approve Previous Meeting Notes	•	Vote to approve: Second the motion:
Shared presentation- HSI	• NourishSmart- School Food Waste- Amberly Lambertsen	•
Shared presentation- Wasteless Solutions	• Wasteless School Food Waste- Kathryn Buntain	•
Sub-committees updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communications Frank Vega • Mapping Lea Palmer • Policy Gina Cornia • Local Food Promotion Natalie McHale • Food Recovery Carrie Durward • NourishCommunities Lea Palmer • Evaluation Palak Gupta 	•
Open discussion	• Rural Health Transformation Program	•
Next Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next meeting May 20th • 	

Roll call for members (or designee)

1. The Executive director of Department of Health and Human Services or designee- **Natalie Loots**
2. The executive director of the Department of Workforce Services or designee: **Frank Vega**
3. The state superintendent or designee: **Kimberly Loveland**, USBE
4. The commissioner or designee: **Cassidy Dragunat**, Utah System of Higher Education Unavailable
5. The commissioner of the Department of Agriculture and Food or designee: **Natalie McHale**
6. Member representing USU Extension: Justen Smith, *Representative*: **Ashley Butler**
7. Member who represents Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program: Paula Scott, *Representative*: **Heidi LeBlanc**
8. Member who represents the Utah Women, Infants, and Children Program: **Rachel H. Bowman**
9. Member who represents the Utah SNAP-Ed program: **Lea Palmer**
10. Member who represents a food assistance organization: **Nisay Lao**, Granger Community Christian Church
11. Member who represents an advocacy group that addresses federal nutrition program: **Gina Cornia**, Utah's Against Hunger
12. Member who represents an organization that promotes healthy eating and active lifestyles in the state: **Kamaile Tripp-Harris**, University of Utah School of Medicine, Community Health Workers Program
13. Member who represents an organization that provides refugee resettlement services in the state: **Sierra Govett**, International Rescue Committee
14. One member who represents the Utah Farm Bureau Federation: Spencer Gibbons, *Representative*: **Clayton Beckstead/ Aubrey Thomas**, Utah Farm Bureau
15. One member who represents a tribal government in the state: **James Toledo**, Utah Division of Indian Affairs