

Utah Capitol Visit
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Utah's Capitol was built in Salt Lake City in 1915. Today, the Capitol Complex is comprised of 4 buildings – 3 of which are legislative. In 2008, the legislative buildings – the Historic Capitol, the Senate and House of Representatives Buildings – were restored. These 3 buildings are connected by an underground tunnel system that is used by staff and elected officials. The 4th building is a state office building that was not remodeled under this project and was kept to use as swing space.

Although 3 legislative buildings make up the Capitol complex, the newly restored Historic Capitol building is very large and houses legislators in leadership and committee chair posts. This leaves very few legislators in the outlying House of Representatives and Senate buildings, which keeps most members in close proximity to their chambers. The three buildings combined with the tunnels seem to function well for the Utah legislature, although it's a part-time legislature and they don't spend a lot of time in the Capitol.

The property this complex sits on is open and without significant foliage. They do not have a water table issue so the Capitol was easily expanded underground. During the restoration and expansion, ADA compliance issues were addressed, natural light was reintroduced, larger committee and hearing rooms were added, security and safety improvements were made, technology was upgraded, and iconic art was restored.

Utah's Capitol Complex's three legislative buildings – the Historic Capitol, House Building, and Senate Building.



The Historic Capitol houses the offices of most legislators to promote easy access to chambers and committee rooms.



View from the Historic Building of the inner quad surrounded by the annex House Building (left), annex Senate Building (not pictured to the right), and the State Office Building.



The State Office Building (right) houses departmental staff and was not renovated. It functioned as swing space during the Capitol Complex renovation and construction.



The original exterior artistry was painstakingly preserved.



Original works were preserved in different mediums.



The most prominent symbol throughout the Capitol Complex is the beehive, representing the industrious and collaborative nature of the bee.



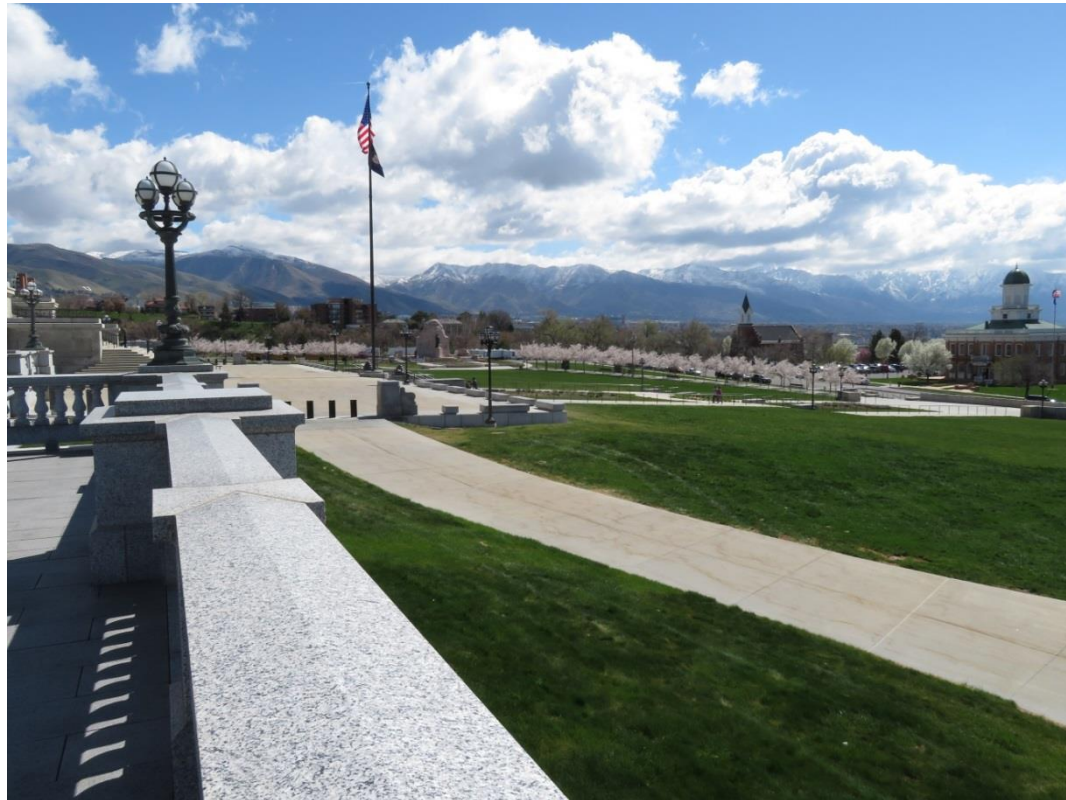
Decorative statues overlooking Salt Lake City's landscape were carefully restored.



A time capsule was extracted on the 100th Anniversary of its placement. A new time capsule was “buried” in a pillar of the Historic Building during the renovation.



The Capitol grounds were designed with hospitality in mind. Views of the surrounding natural beauty can be seen from pathways that facilitate the flow of visitors to the Capitol.



The landscaping of the park is minimal to showcase the Capitol and its surroundings. Minimal monuments in the park leave a lot of open park space.



Seating areas with clear sight lines are located throughout the Capitol grounds for visiting guests.



Picnic tables provide seating for guests on the Capitol grounds.



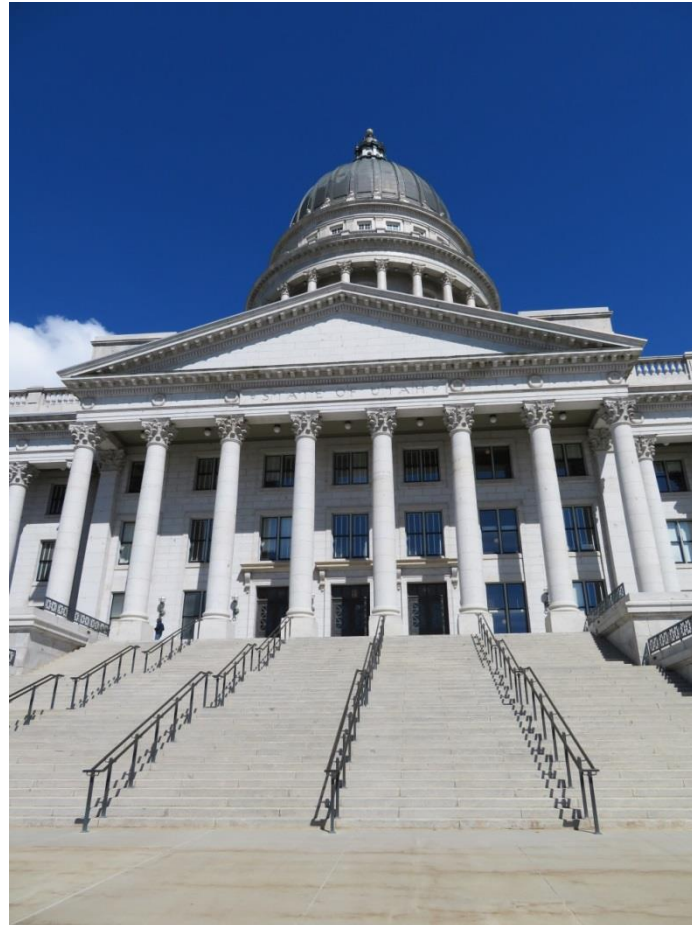
Numerous paths on all sides lead to the buildings to promote safe and welcoming accessibility.



The bus zone is a school loading zone only with adjacent overflow parking. Guests enter the Capitol near dedicated space to promote education and civic engagement.



Huge ADA issues in the Historic Building had to be addressed.



ADA options now exist on all sides.



The Capitol was designed with security in mind.
Public safety barriers are embedded
in the landscape surrounding the complex.



Large reinforced concrete planters and signage are specifically placed near roadways as barriers to vehicular threats.



Additional barriers at the bottom of the steps.



Berms and trees in the landscape provides added security.



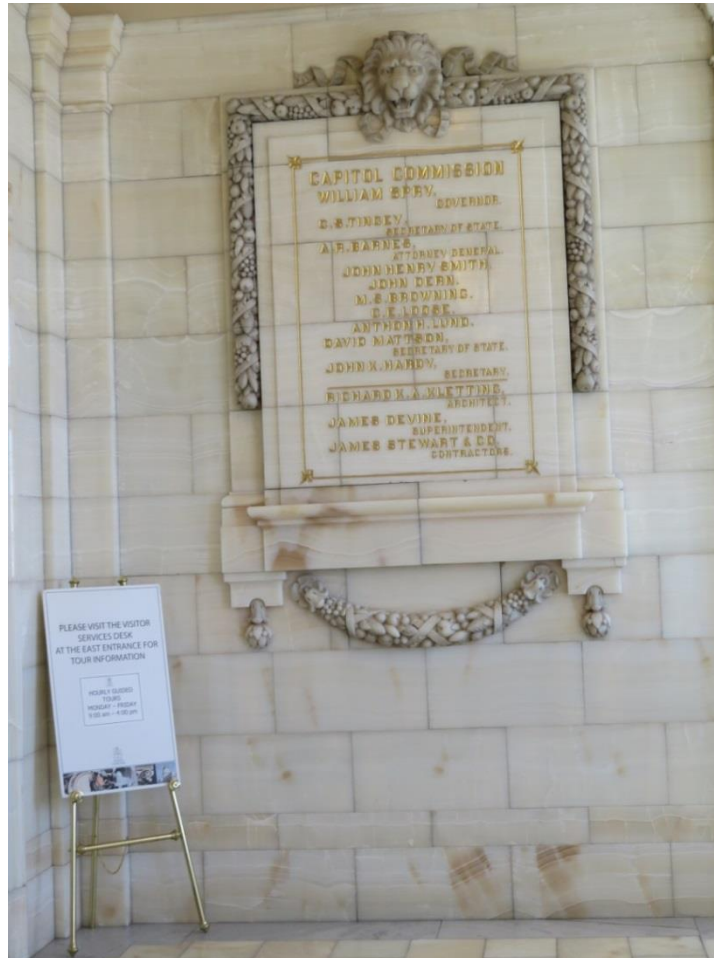
Highway Patrol ensures security of the Capitol and grounds.



Employees park in an underground parking lot outside the perimeter foundation of the building.



Decorative plaques explain the Capitol's history as visitors enter the Capitol.



Guests enter the Capitol through the main entrance.
Staff and members enter the Capitol through alternative
entrances, separating the work-a-day and visitor foot traffic.



Signs welcome visitors as they enter the Capitol.



Easily visible directories guide visitors.





Handsome exhibits draw guests into the Capitol on the first floor.



Educational exhibits outlining Utah's history promote civic engagement.



Visitors are encouraged to learn about Utah's "People's House" in the visitor's center.



Interactive displays allow guests to learn about Utah's Capitol and its restoration.



Specific focus on activities for children.



Clearly marked signs guide foot traffic through the Capitol.



The use of symbolic details elevates the sense of significance of the “People’s House.” Beautiful renditions of the powerful beehive symbol can be seen throughout.



The Utah State Seal welcomes visitors as they walk the halls.



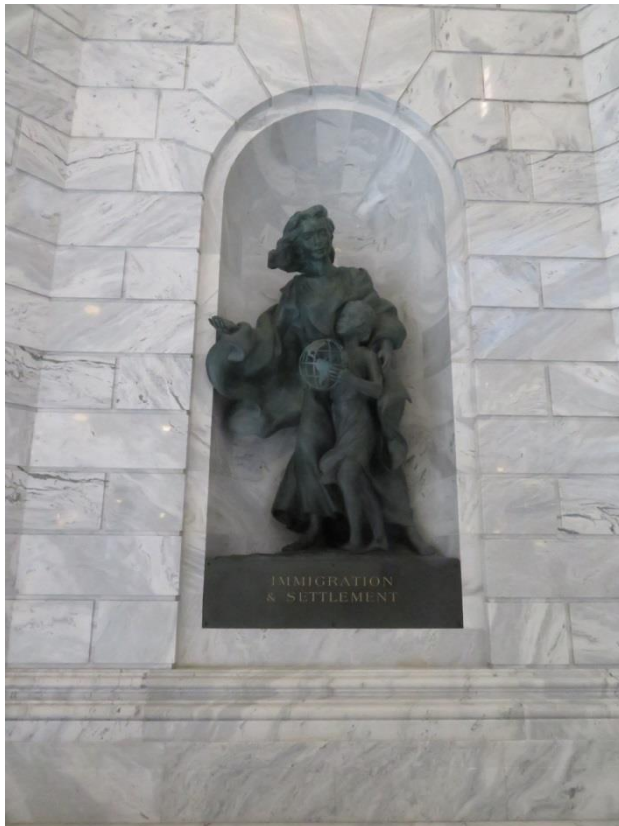
Decorative railings with the beehive symbol throughout the Capitol.



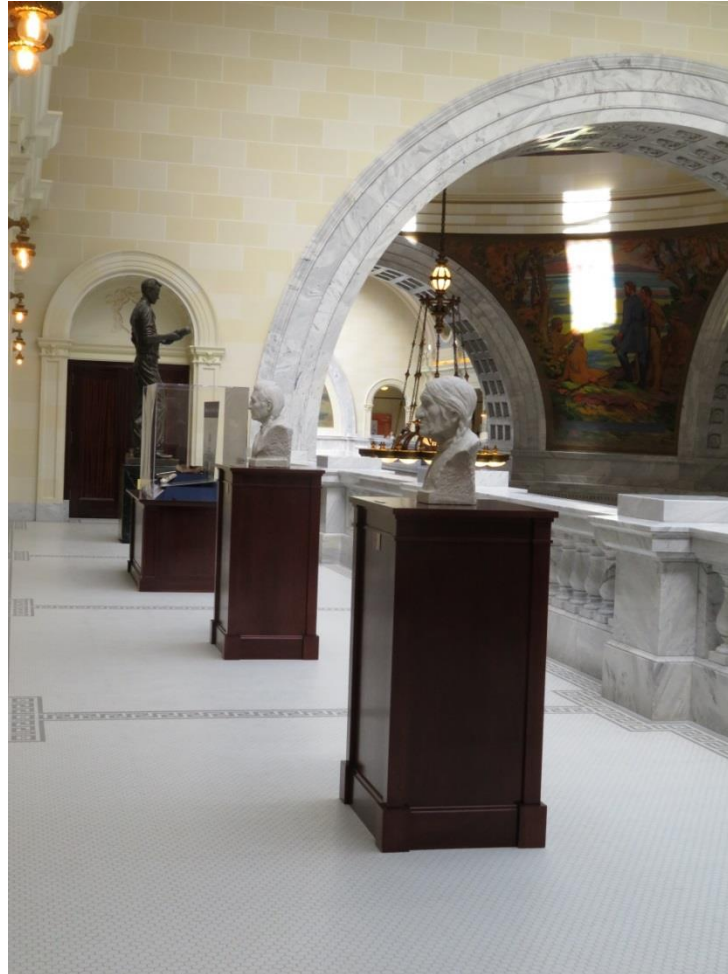
Sightlines from the rotunda invite discovery of the large building and the artistry that was painstakingly restored.



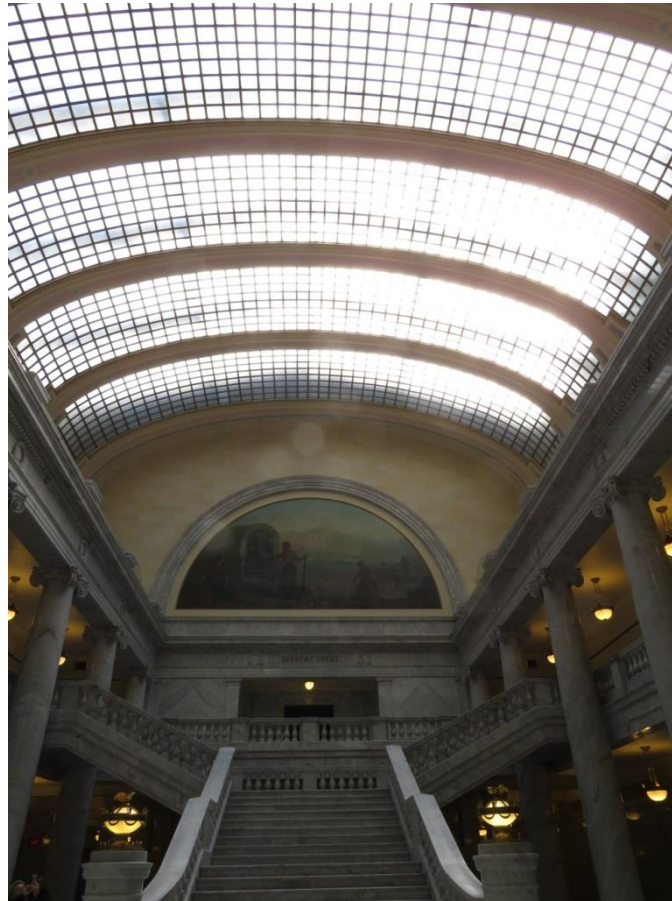
Decorative statues surround the first floor of the rotunda.
“Immigration and Settlement” (left) and
“Science and technology” (right).



Rotating art exhibits can be seen throughout the Capitol.



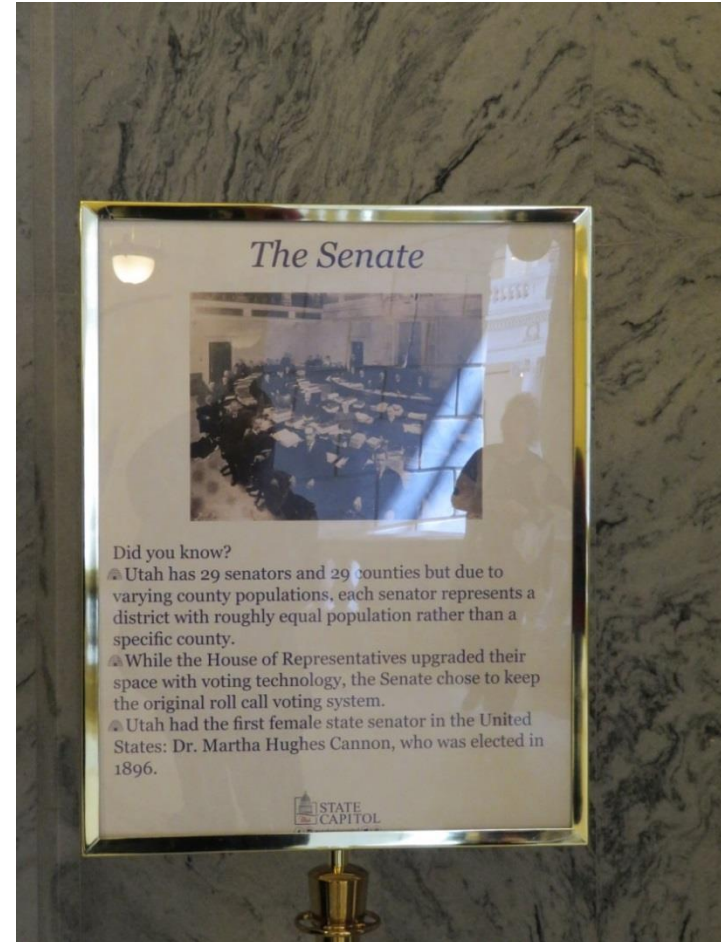
Large skylights were installed to flood natural light into the
Historic Capitol.



Panels on the floor allow natural light from the skylights to reach the floors below.



Decorative signs at the entrance to House and Senate Chambers explains the history of Utah's Legislature



Utah's House of Representatives is housed in the Historic Capitol.



House of Representatives chambers.



The “bundle of sticks” symbolizing collaborative government, can be seen throughout House of Representatives chambers.



The Senate Chambers is housed in the Historic Building with an occupancy of 146.



Senate chambers.



Skylights allow natural light into the House and Senate Chambers.



The values of adjacency are expressed by placing the House and Senate leadership offices in close proximity to one another to promote collaboration.



Most member's offices are housed in the Historic Capitol.
Decorative signs label member offices.



Committee offices are in the Historic Building
in close proximity to committee chairs.



Traditional bulletin board notices convey a “working Capitol” to guests visiting the “People’s House.”



Electrical media support was integrated outside of Chambers.



Large committee rooms have removable seating for flexible access.



Keycard technology is used for access throughout the building.



ADA technology was integrated in committee rooms.



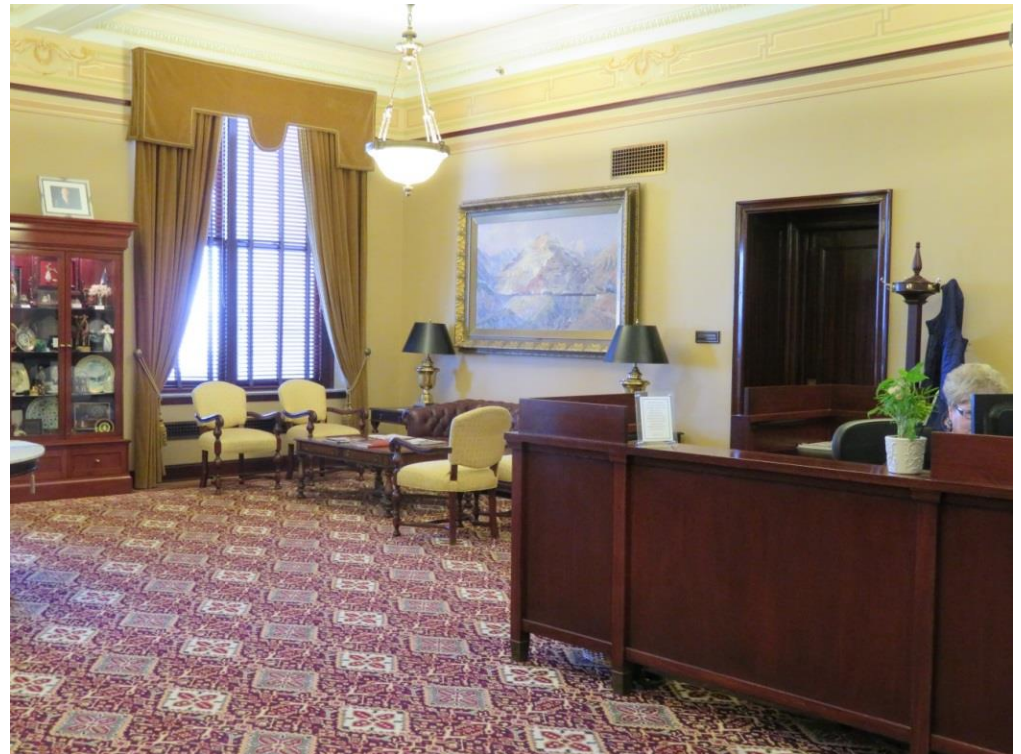
Technology updates included placing outlets at the dais in committee rooms to allow committee members to power mobile devices.



Additional routers enhance internet access in committee rooms.



The Executive branch (Governor and Lieutenant Governor) share a common reception area.



The Governor's personal office.



The historic Governor's office was restored to its original glory and is utilized for special events and welcoming guests.





Murals and ornate molding decorate the ceiling of the historic Governor's office.



The historic Supreme Court chamber is located in the Historic Building.



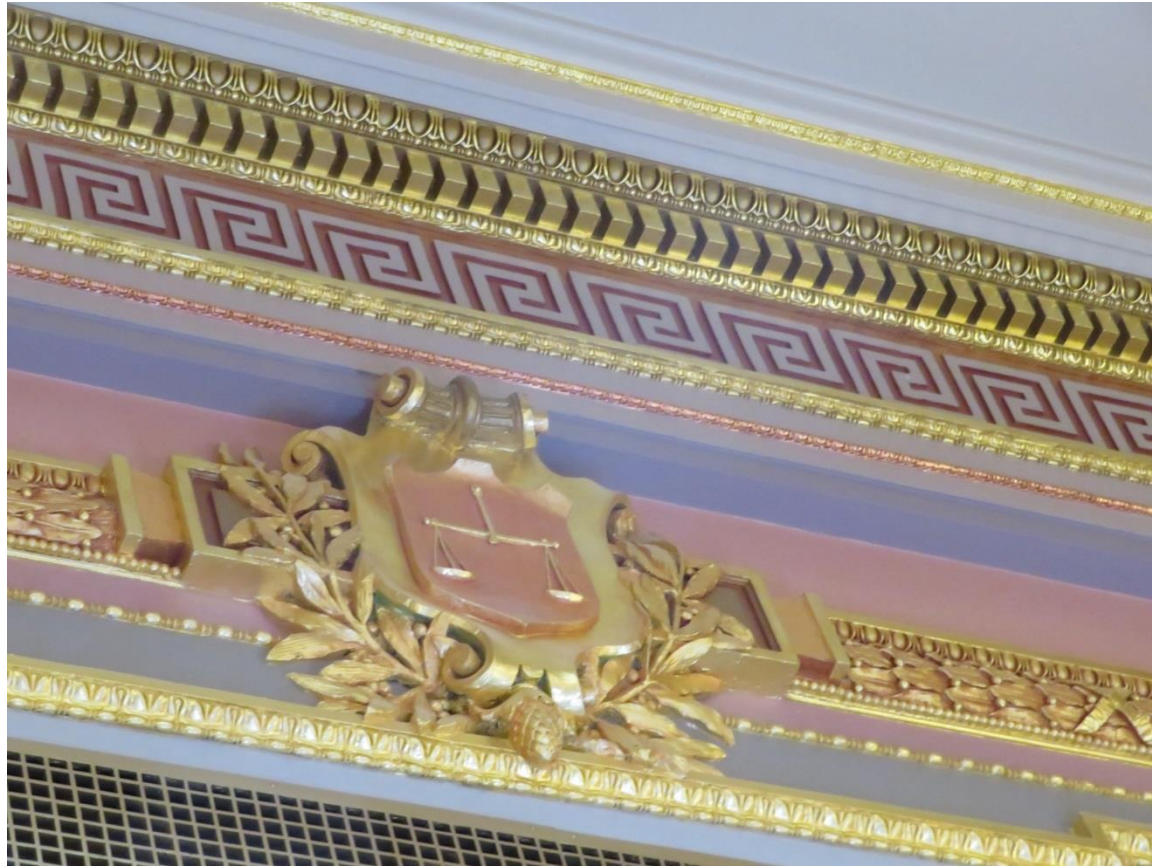
Decorative signs at the entrance explains the history of the Supreme Court.



The Supreme Court Chamber was meticulously restored.



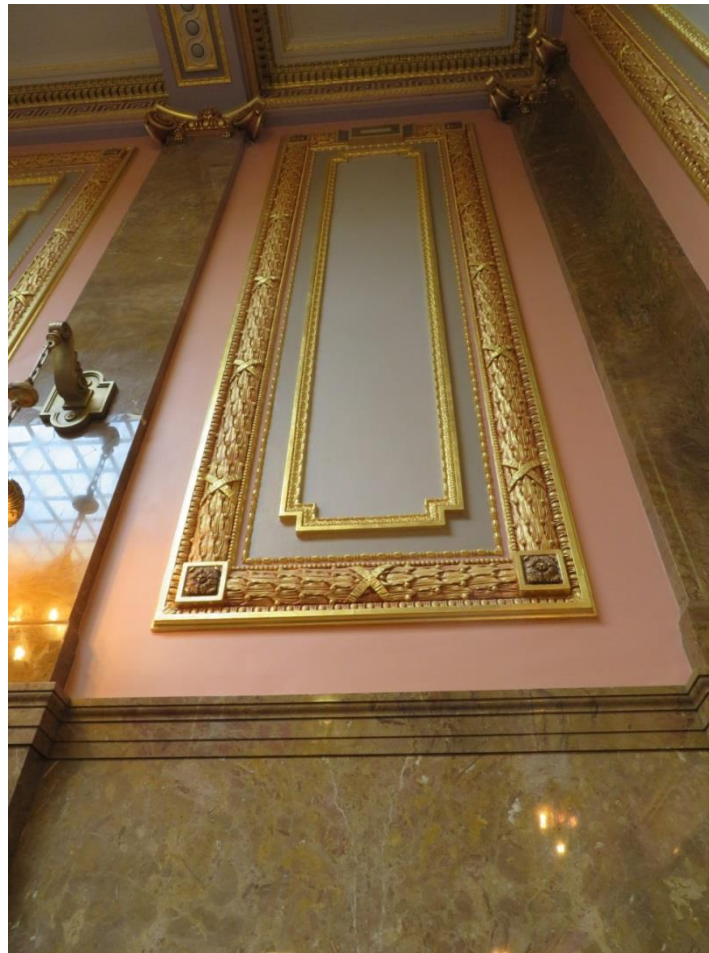
Attention to detail and powerful symbols support the special character of the “People’s House” in the Supreme Court.



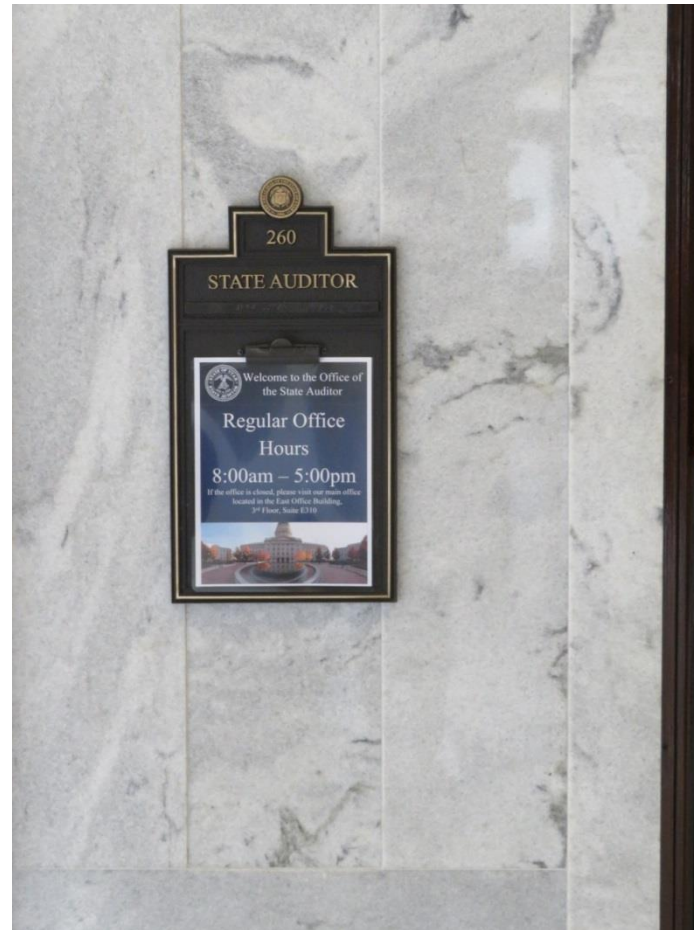
Skylights allow natural light into the Supreme Court.



The powerful “bundle of sticks” symbol throughout the Supreme Court Chambers.



The State Auditor is located in the Historic Building.



The Lieutenant Governor staff offices are housed in the
Historic Building.



The Capitol Preservation Board is the entity that oversaw the restoration and building of the annexes. They now oversee the upkeep.



Projectors in the press room.



Outlets in the press room allow the press to connect equipment.



Capitol dining on the first floor is open to the Legislature, staff, and the public.



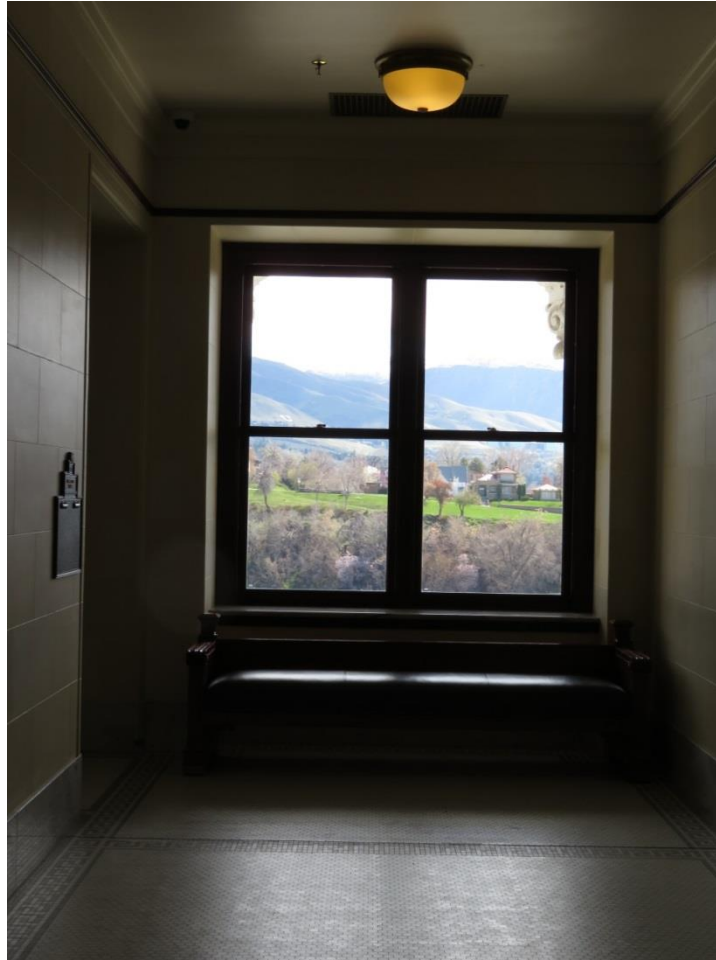
Clearly marked signs direct visitors to Capitol dining accommodations.



Handsome benches in the hallways provide seating for guests.



Re-opened corridor windows allow natural light in.



Assemblyman Ken Cooley Utah Capitol Visit 2017

Utah Highway Patrol handles all security at the Capitol and annex buildings.



Well thought out security features exist throughout the building. Electrical rooms are secure.



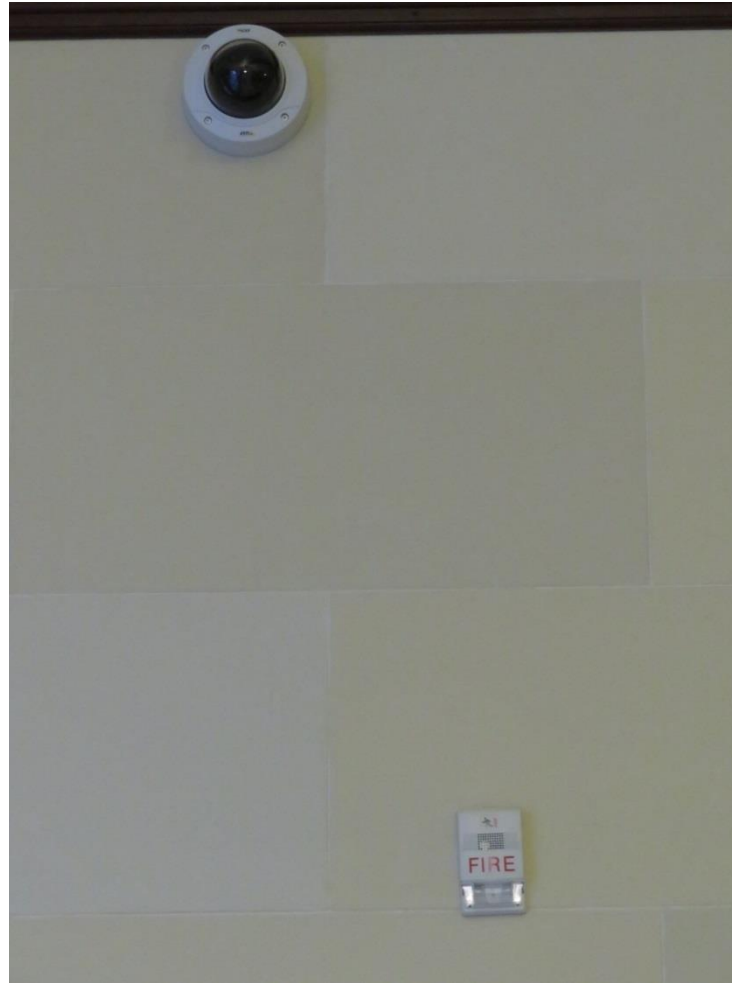
Sprinklers throughout the building enhance fire safety.



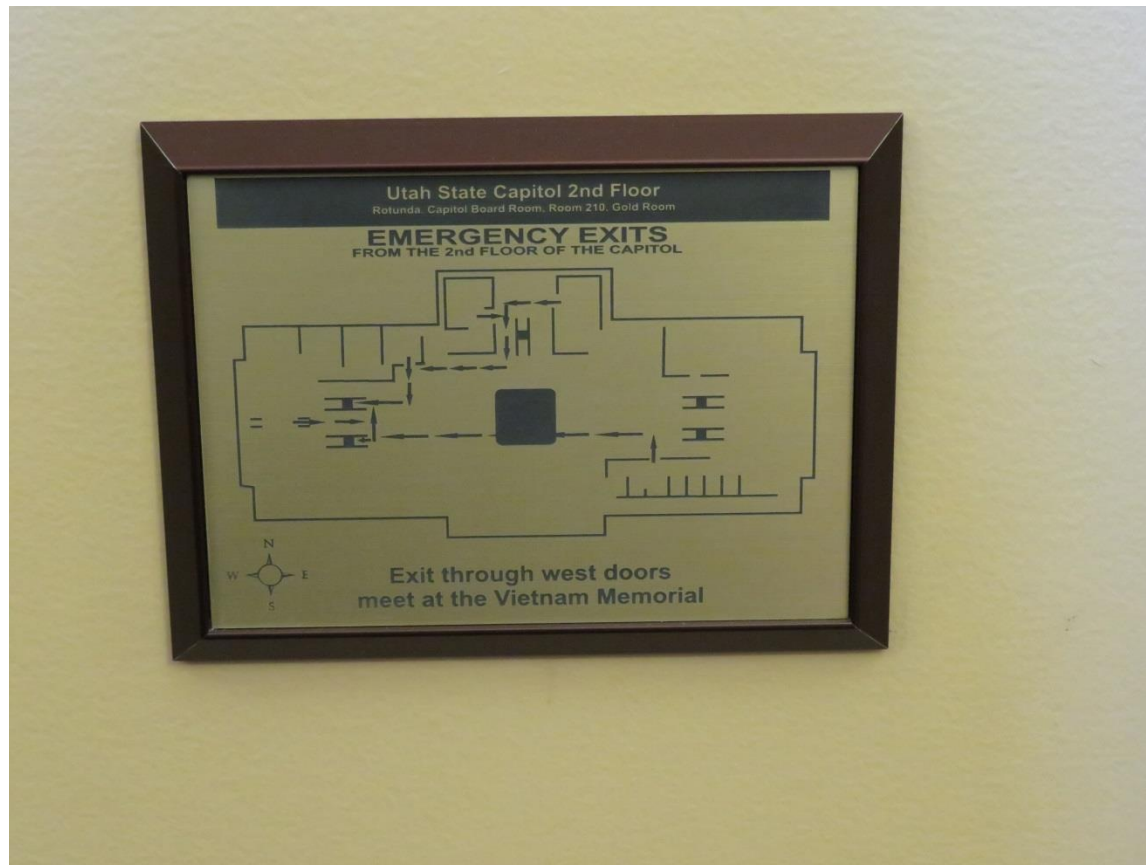
Fire extinguishers are placed throughout the Capitol with clear signage.



Cameras provide security inside the Capitol.



Emergency exit routes are clearly marked in the Capitol.



Historic Capitol (left) and House Building (right).



Utah's Senate Building.



Underground tunnels allow members and staff travel via secured, dedicated corridors among the three Legislative buildings and separates work-a-day and visitor foot traffic.



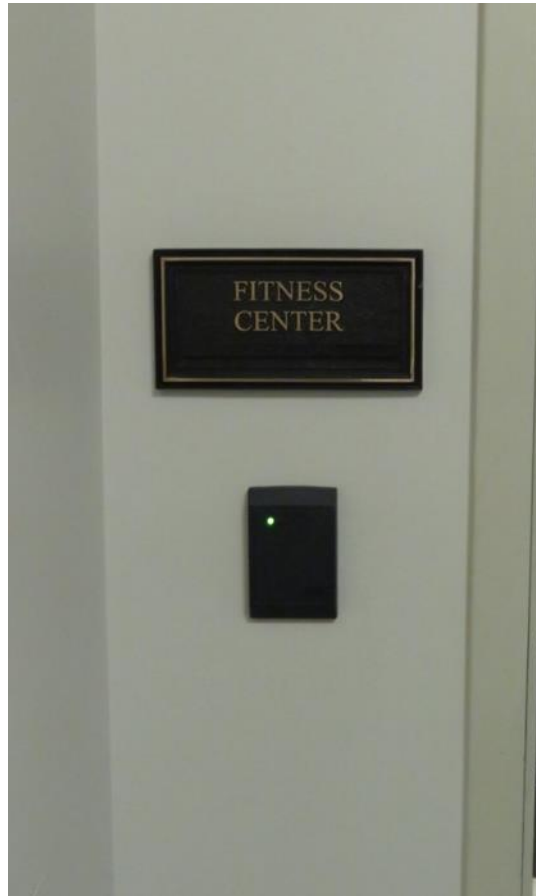
Seismic base Isolators that make the Capitol earthquake ready, can be viewed through windows in the underground tunnels.



Staff training rooms can be accessed from the underground tunnels to promote efficient, easy access from all legislative buildings .



Legislators and staff are encouraged to stay healthy in the underground fitness center.



Underground parking for Legislators and staff,
located outside the perimeter foundation,
can be accessed from the tunnels.



Visitors access each annex building through a main entrance to each building.



Great attention was paid to technology and ports that leave room for expansion as technology changes.



Flexibility of spaces and ADA accessibility was added in every room of the Senate Building.



Different sized conference spaces were included
in the Senate Building.



Senate conference space is equipped with tools to promote collaboration.



There is continuity in attention to detail in the new buildings.



Offices for year-round staff include space for secretaries and constituent services staff. These staff work for the entire Legislature.



ADA entrances to all offices.



New mom nursing rooms available to the public.

