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## UTAH BOARD MEMBER KIM BURNINGHAM CHOSEN AS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

**Arlington, Va.** — Kim Burningham, chairman of the Utah State Board of Education, was elected to the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE) Board of Directors. Burningham will begin his one-year term as a director from NASBE's Western region in January 2010.

"Kim Burningham has been a stalwart advocate for public education for many years," said NASBE Executive Director Brenda Welburn. "He is well-known and well-respected among his state board peers from across the country and has long been a supporter of NASBE in its mission. Kim and the rest of our board provide their fellow policymakers from across the country the support and diversity of opinion so critical to finding solutions to the educational needs of American students in the 21st century."

Burningham, a resident of Bountiful, Utah, was elected to the state board of education in 1998 and has served an unprecedented seven years as its chair. While he is currently a communications consultant for Franklin Covey, Burningham was formerly a teacher at Bountiful High School for 28 years. In addition, he served as NASBE's president in 2005, is an Honorary Lifetime Member in the Parent Teacher Association, was twice named Outstanding Teacher of the Year, and is a recipient of the National Forensic League Triple Diamond Award.

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