

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SUMMARY OF ACTIONS**

January 8, 2015

**Board Members Present:** David Crandall (Chair), David Thomas (First Vice Chair), Jennifer Johnson (Second Vice Chair), Dixie Allen (by phone), Laura Belnap, Leslie Castle, Barbara Corry, Brittney Cummins, Freddie Cooper (non-voting), Kristin Elinkowski (non-voting), Linda Hansen, Mark Huntsman, Marlin Jensen (non-voting), Steven Moore (non-voting), Jefferson Moss, Mark Openshaw, Dean Rowley (non-voting), Spencer Stokes, Teresa Theurer (non-voting), Terryl Warner and Joel Wright.

All votes were unanimous unless noted otherwise. Members Allen and Stokes were absent for portions of the meeting.

- The Oath of Office was administered to Laura Belnap, Brittney Cummins, Linda Hansen, Mark Huntsman, Spencer Stokes, Terryl Warner, and Joel Wright, elected to the Board in the November 2014 general election.
- The General Consent calendar was approved, with the exception of the minutes of the December 4-5, 2014 meeting and the 2015 meeting schedule.
- The 2015 meeting schedule was approved with changes to the October meeting dates to October 7-8 and the legislative meeting times to 5:00 p.m.
- The Board approved the election of two vice chairs. The Board elected David Crandall as Board Chair, David Thomas as First Vice Chair, and Jennifer Johnson as Second Vice Chair.
- The Board appointed USOE Finance Director Natalie Grange as the Board's representative to Taxing Entity Committees. Member Wright opposed.
- The Board approved postponing a motion to change the Board policy on the default position for which its Taxing Entity Committee representative would vote absent Board direction.
- The Board approved the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation Order of Selection Plan.
- The Board approved as part of the graduation requirements that Financial Literacy is a standalone course, clarified that the Social Studies requirement is currently 2.5 credits without Financial Literacy, and determined to consider at its next meeting adding an extra .5 credit of Social Studies to the requirements.
- The Board tabled additional issues on the graduation requirements.
- The Board approved the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission recommendations for the following cases:
  - Case No. 13-1124 – suspended the educator's Level 2 Secondary Education License by default. Member Belnap opposed.
  - Case No. 13-1159 – suspended the educator's Level 1 School Counselor Education License for no less than two years. Member Johnson opposed.

- Case No. 14-1193 – suspended the educator’s Level 2 Secondary Education License for no less than two years, with the following conditions: 1) that the conditions for reinstatement be clarified in the stipulated agreement; and 2) that the case be referred to law enforcement.
- Case No. 14-1121 – suspended the educator’s Level 1 Secondary Education License for no less than one year. Chair Crandall and Vice Chair Johnson opposed.
- The Board made the following changes to its Legislative Priorities:
  - The parenthetical will be removed from “WPU Increase (inflationary).”
  - The USOE Feasibility Study was removed from the one-time priority list. Vice Chair Thomas opposed.
  - The Transportation Initiative was removed from the one-time priority list.
  - An item for \$30 million for State Board of Education Quality Initiatives was added as the #2 one-time priority. Member Belnap opposed.
  - A Supplemental Appropriation of \$6.3 million for the Utah State Office of Rehabilitation was added as #1 on the USOR one-time list.
- The Board approved amendments to Board rule R277-419-9 *Pupil Accounting—Provisions for Maintaining Student Membership and Enrollment Documentation and Documentation of Student Education Services Provided by Third Party Vendors*, under its emergency rule provision. Member Belnap opposed.
- The Board approved a resolution calling for legislation preserving Utah’s educational state sovereignty by amending the federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act. Member Belnap opposed.
- The Board approved sending out for public comment for twenty days the Minimums Caregiver/Guardian document developed as a result of H.B. 286 *Child Sexual Abuse Prevention*.