

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

**Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) and
USBE Executive Session and Study Session**

February 3, 2023
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on February 3, 2023. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held electronically with an anchor location at 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. Chair Moss opened the meeting, and Vice chair Earl presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

Members Present

Chair James Moss	Member Randy Boothe
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Matt Hymas
Member Christina Boggess	Member Sarah Reale
Member Natalie Cline	Member Kristin Norton
Member Jennie Earl	Member Brent J. Strate
Member Emily Green	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Joseph Kerry	
Member LeAnn Wood	

Members Absent

First Vice chair Molly Hart

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent
Kelsey James, Board's Communications Coordinator

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Others Present

USDB Carl Empey, Joel Coleman, Susan Patten, Dr. Michelle Tanner, ASL Interpreter Michelle Bonner Deborah Jacobson, Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Alex Farah, Kelsey James, Jerry Record, Kirin McInnis, Patrick Hawkins, Jake Cameron, Jared Felt, and Matt Ferris.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

Utah Schools for the Deaf and the BlindUtah Deafblind Projects Application to OSEP

Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, discussed the project's application. To seek approval from the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) of the Utah Deafblind Project's application to OSEP's Application for New Awards; State Technical Assistance Projects to Improve Services and Results for Deafblind Children (Assistance Listing Number/CFDA 84.326).

The proposed Utah Deafblind Project intends to build the capacity of state and local agencies, parents, and service providers to improve services and results for children who are deafblind by providing high-quality, relevant, and helpful TA and information dissemination.

Proposed Annual Award from OSEP: \$99,402

Funding period: October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2028

Application deadline: February 17, 2023

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Wood that the Board approves the Utah Deafblind Project Application.

The **motion** carried with Members Boggess, Cline, Davis, Earl, Green, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor and Members Hart and Reale absent.

Review of FY24 Budget Preparation Calendar

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey presented the FY24 Budget Preparation Calendar.

FY23 Monthly Budget Update as of December 31, 2022

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey provided the USBE members with an FY23 monthly update as of December 31, 2022.

FY23 USDB Key Data Report

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey presented the critical data report through December

31, 2022, which outlined the number of student enrollment, teacher-student ratio, administrators, contracted educators and professional staff, support staff, transportation costs, and facility costs.

Update on USB Intensive Services

Associate Superintendent of the Blind Susan Patten provided an overview of the USB intensive Services.

- Supplemental instruction, not duplicative or replacing instruction a student is receiving.
- Modeled after other successful programs at schools for the blind (TSBVI, Washington School for the Blind, Kansas School for the Blind) and prior programs from USB (short-term intensives on campus).
- Past programs from USB have been considered short-term programs (2-5 days on the Ogden campus).
 - AT Academy 2018 & 2019
 - Math Support Program

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Joel Coleman provided an update to board members on USDB events.

USDB Adjournment

The USDB meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Following the USDB meeting, the Board proceeded to the executive session.

Executive Session

The motion was made by Member Earl and second by Member Hymas that the Board moves into executive session for the purpose of 1) discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; 2) discussing the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals; and 3) strategy on pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Davis, Earl, Green, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Moss, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood, the Board went into closed session at 2:00 pm.

Upon voice vote of the Board went into closed session.

Those present included the Members above, Scott Jones, Sydnee Dickson, Angie Stallings, Kelsey James, Cybil Child, Ashley Biehl, Bryan Quesenberry, Patrick Hawkins, Matt Ferris, Kelsey James, and Cybil Child.

MOTION was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Hart that the Board comes out of executive session.

The **motion** passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in an open meeting at 3:10 pm.

Executive Session Action Items

Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board approves the UPPAC consent calendar recommendations.

The **motion** passed unanimously.

Committee Appointments

MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board appoints the following individuals to the Advisory Committee on Equity of Educational Services for Students (ACEESS): Letroy Woods, at-large vacancy, and Andres Diaz, Hispanic/Latinx vacancy.

The **motion** passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member that the Board appoints the following individuals to Trust Lands Advisory Committee (TLAC):

- Superintendent Representative - Cade Douglas, Sevier
- Parent Representative - Terri Francis
- At Large (2 openings) - Liz Mumford and Carolyn White
- Member with expertise in serving students who are at risk for underachievement - Sue Ann Caldwell
- Member representing charter schools with experience in trust lands or School LAND Trust Program - Stacey Phillips

The **motion** passed unanimously.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
The minutes were approved on April 6, 2023.