



UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Meeting Minutes

[June 12, 2023, Board Meeting](#)

2:00 TO 5:00 PM.

A regular Utah State Board of Education meeting was held on June 12, 2023. Chair Moss presided. As Utah Code 52-4 authorized, this meeting was held at the state board offices, 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present

Board Chair James Moss	Member Carol Barlow Lear
First Vice-Chair Molly Hart	Member Matt Hymas
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Christina Boggess
Member Kristan Norton	Member Randy Boothe
Member Natalie Cline	Member Brent J. Strate
Member LeAnn Wood	Member Sarah Reale
Member Cindy Davis	Member Emily Green

Members joined Study Session.

Member Joseph Kerry

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Chief of Staff Sarah Young
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Kelsey James, Board Communications Coordinator

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Child, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent; Deborah Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent; and Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent. Debbie Davis, Neil Stevens, Ben Rasmussen, Sam Urie, Elise Newey, Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order and roll call at 2:05.

Member Moss passed the gavel to Vice Chair Earl.

Resolution in Support

MOTION was made by Member Moss and seconded (Strate) that the Board approves the proposed Resolution in support of HB 179 Founders and Constitution.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded (Cline) that the Board approves the proposed Resolution in support of HB 179 Founders and Constitution, Draft 2.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Cline and seconded (Boggess) that the Board amends lines 91-92 to Draft 2 as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board invites Utah students to preserve the Constitution, through informed engagement in the civic processes established by the Constitution and in and spirited, but respectful dialogue.

The motion to amend failed with Members Boothe, Cline, Green, and Hart in favor and Members Boggess, Earl, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss opposed. Members Kerry and Davis were absent.

CALL THE QUESTION was made by Member Strate and seconded.

The motion carried with Members Boggess and Green opposed and Members Boothe, Cline, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss. Members Kerry and Davis were absent.

The substitute motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Green, and Moss in favor and Members Boothe, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood opposed. Members Kerry and Davis were absent.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded (Cline) that the Board amends the first paragraph, line two, Draft 1 to insert “in addition to” between “month” and “Constitution Day,” strike “and.”

The Utah State Board of Education supports the Utah Legislature’s passage in 2023 of HB 179 (63G-1-401), recognizing September as American Founders and Constitution Month and Constitution Day on September 17.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Cline and seconded (Boggess) that the Board amends paragraph 2 - Draft 1 to add “constitutional” before “republic”.

In context:

Whereas, the United States Constitution created a constitutional republic, the first and most successful form of government that establishes the rule of the people, by the people, for the people.

The motion to amend failed with Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Earl, Green, and Moss in favor and Members Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded (Green) that the Board strikes the header “principles of the constitution” from Draft 1.

The motion to amend failed with Members Boothe, Cline, Green, and Hart in favor and Members Boggess, Earl, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss opposed.

CALL THE QUESTION was made by Member Strate and seconded.

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Green, Wood, and Moss opposed and Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, and Strate in favor.
(Needs a 2/3 vote)

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Cline and seconded (Boggess) that the Board deletes the current paragraph 12 language:

Whereas, recognizing that “keeping a Republic” requires informed engagement by citizens, Utah’s students have the power to contribute to and shape our Constitution as a living framework for self-government as we together attempt to form a more perfect union, through engaged study and application at the local, state and national levels.

And replace the entire paragraph with:

Whereas recognizing that "keeping a Republic" requires informed citizens, Utah's students are encouraged to learn 1) the principles of good government as articulated in the US Constitution and Declaration of Independence, 2) how the power and authority of the federal government can and should be legally limited in order to maintain its legitimacy, and 3) the importance of self-government based on moral and religious principles. Through the ongoing study of these principles, students will be better prepared as adults to secure the protections of individual liberty at the local, state, and

national levels and, in so doing, help to form a perfect union for current and future generations.

The motion to amend failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Earl, and Green in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss opposed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded (Lear) that the Board postpone action on the Resolution and request that the Board leadership refer to move to a future committee meeting.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded (Green) that the Board adds the word “special” (workgroup) before the word meeting.

The motion to amend failed with Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Earl, Green, and Moss in favor and Members Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood opposed.

The final motion carried with Members Cline, Earl, Hymas, Norton, and Moss opposed and Members Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Green, Hart, Lear, Reale, Strate, and Wood in favor.

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations

R277-619, Student Leadership Skills Development (Repeal)

MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board repeals R277-619, Student Leadership Skills Development, on the second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

Updates to the Special Education Rules Manual incorporated by reference in R277-750
Education Programs for Students with Disabilities

MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board approves updates to the Special Education Rule Manual, Draft 2, incorporated by reference in Board Rule R277- 750.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board approves Draft 3.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

R277-750, Education Programs for Students With Disabilities (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board approves R277-750, Education Programs for Students with Disabilities, Draft 1, on the second and final reading.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

PLC Carry Forward Spend Plan Amendment

MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board approves an amendment to the PLC carry forward spending plan to reallocate \$140,000 to hire an arts specialist for two years to assist with YIC students statewide.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations

L2TReC Data Sharing Agreement Amendment

MOTION was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve the amendment to the data-sharing agreement with L2TReC.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Cline, and Green opposed.

Required School Counseling Ratio Report

MOTION was made by Member Hymas that the Board approve the plans for the 2022-2023 school year submitted by LEAs who are out of compliance with the 1:350 school counselor ratios.

The motion carried with Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor and Members Cline and Green opposed.

R277-461, Elementary School Counselor Grant Program (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Hymas that the Board continue and approve R277-461, Elementary School Counselor Grant Program, Draft 2, on the second and final reading.

The motion carried with Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss, and Members Boggess, Cline, Earl, and Green opposed.

R277-522, Entry Years Enhancements (EYE) for Quality Teaching - Level 1 Utah Teachers (Repeal)

MOTION was made by Member Hymas that the Board repeal R277-522, Entry Years Enhancements (EYE) for Quality Teaching – Level 1 Utah Teachers, on the second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session (closed in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act)

The motion was made by Chair Moss and seconded by Member Hart 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 and 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, Lear, Moss, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood, the Board went into closed session at 3:57 PM. Member Kerry was absent.

Upon voice vote of all Members, the Board went into closed session.

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

Executive Session Action Items

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The Board reconvened in an open meeting at 4:10 PM.

Committee Appointments

MOTION was made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approves the reappointment for a three-year term for the following individuals to the Utah High School Activities Association (UHSAA)

- Mr. Chris Anderson
- Ms. Mae Miya

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

Member Earl passed the gavel to Chair Moss.

Study Session

USBE Strategic Plan Mission and Vision

Member Kerry joined the meeting.

Purpose of Today's Session:

Set the stage and create a framework for Board to Move forward on updating USBE Strategic Plan – Mission and Vision.

Purpose of a Strategic Plan:

- Unites Board around proactive efforts by orienting policy toward outcomes
- Prioritizes Resources
- Focuses on the work of the agency

Board members shared their initial feedback, which was their thoughtful and candid insights on the future of education in Utah over the next five years. Their written input from the April, May, and June 2023 meetings was captured in a separate document. The Board will address the issues raised by Board members as they move through the strategic planning process.

In preparation for the June board meeting study session, they will examine the USBE vision and mission. They will discuss the mission's and vision's purpose and how they relate to the Strategic Plan (slides nos. 9-11). They will also review the Office of Legislator General's Audit on USBE Internal Governance (attached), especially pages 13-20, which relate to USBE's mission and vision, and pages 21-22, which address the alignment of measures of success with the goals and strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Hymas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Minutes were taken by Cybil Prideaux, Board Secretary.

The minutes were approved on August 3, 2023.