

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 4, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board was held June 4, 2020. The meeting was held electronically via videoconference due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The meeting was streamed live to the public. Chair Mark Huntsman presided.

**Members Present:**

Chair Mark Huntsman  
Vice Chair Brittney Cummins  
Member Laura Belnap  
Member Michelle Boulter  
Member Janet A. Cannon  
Member Cindy Davis  
Member Jennie Earl

Member Jennifer Graviet  
Member Scott L. Hansen  
Member Mike Haynes  
Member Carol Barlow Lear  
Member Mark R. Marsh  
Member Shawn E. Newell  
Member Laurieann Thorpe

**Members Absent:**

Member Scott B. Neilson

**Executive Staff Present:**

Sydney Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Deborah Jacobsen, Interim Deputy Supt.

**Minutes taken by:**

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

**Others Present:**

Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus—Assistant Attorneys General; Darin Nielsen, Leah Voorhies, Jennifer Thronsen, Whitney Phillips, Sarah Young, Jennifer Thronsen—USBE staff

**Opening Business**

Chair Mark Huntsman called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

### Board Member Message

Member Mike Haynes welcomed the board, commenting on the need for the country to be more unified and accepting of all people. He highlighted positive traits in each Board member and various staff.

### Education Highlight – Green Ribbon Schools

Richard Scott, Educational Specialist, informed that Utah schools Bonneville Elementary and Wasatch Academy have been designated as U.S. Department of Education Green Ribbon Schools. Green Ribbon Schools are recognized for their efforts in sustainability practices to reduce environmental impact, improve health and wellness of schools, students and staff, and provide effective environmental and sustainability education.

Bonneville Elementary Principal Mary Lane Grisley and teacher Elise Maxwell spoke to the Board about Bonneville's long history of sustainability and the work the school did to obtain the designation.

Joseph Loftin, Wasatch Academy Head of School, and Joel Barnes, Director of Sustainability and Experiential Education, addressed the Board about the ways they are looking at strengthening their role as a leader in sustainability.

### Education Highlight – President's Volunteer Service Awards

Alan Griffin, Educational Specialist, provided background on the President's Volunteer Service Awards for which the Board has been designated as a certifying organization. The award is given to individuals whose service positively impacts on communities and inspires those around them to action.

Mr. Griffin introduced the following individuals who received the award, and the awardees spoke to the Board about their experiences: Students Betel Nur Oguz, Jenna Deinert and Hakan Kariparduc; principal Hanifi Oguz; school volunteer Karalee Birima.

## **Public Comment**

Dasch Houdeshel, science teacher and parent – voiced that schools must reopen to provide a safe place for children as their parents go back to work. As schools reopen it is critical that class sizes are small in order to maintain social distancing, and more schools will be needed to cope with this emergency. Having a greater number of schools could also help invest more in the most low-income and racially diverse communities. He asked that the Board make a request to the Governor to build more schools under Utah Code 53A-2A-20.

Heidi Matthews, President, Utah Education Association - recognized that the Board is required to create scenarios for 2, 5 and 10 percent cuts to the education budget. She expressed that UEA is frustrated by the negative impacts these proposed cuts have had already and reported that UEA has been consistent in saying that no cuts should be considered before the revenue is known. She asked the Board to approach these cuts with a discriminating eye.

## **Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind**

### Monthly Budget Report

Carl Empey, USDB Finance Director, provided the budget report for the month ending April 30. He indicated USDB is fiscally solvent and all is well as they approach the year-end closeout. He also provided information about the land grant and donated fund balances.

Mr. Empey discussed the use of the enrichment funds approved by the Board for this fiscal year. Because of the pandemic, some of the activities have not taken place and there will be approximately \$125,000 that will not be spent. He indicated that the funds would carry over to next fiscal year and won't be impacted by the state's budget cuts.

### USDB Surplus Property Policy Revision

Superintendent Joel Coleman reviewed a proposed amendment to USDB's surplus property policy which would authorize USDB to "give student devices to graduating seniors, or other students who transition from the K-12 education system." Superintendent Coleman informed that expensive equipment will be retained but the devices being considered, while not being worth much in monetary value, have tremendous value for those students.

Board member concerns were voiced that the policy is not specific as to the devices and gives open discretion to the superintendent. It was also suggested that research be done to determine if districts have similar policies.

**MOTION** was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the revised USDB Surplus Property Policy to allow for providing devices to students as outlined in the policy.

Motion carried, with Member Hansen opposed; Member Cannon absent.

### USDB Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Coleman and staff addressed the following:

- Associate Superintendent Susan Patton introduced Erin Ferrer, who has been named Director of Deaf Blind Services.
- Associate Superintendent Carolyn Lasater, who will retire on July 1, was invited to share her feelings with the Board. Superintendent Lasater thanked the Board and read a statement about the School for the Blind, stating she is pleased with where the school is at and improvements that have been made over the years, particularly with the Expanded Core Curriculum. She indicated there is a need for more vision-related training with local education agency (LEA) staff. She acknowledged Superintendent Coleman and his staff and thanked them for their work. In closing she shared the motto, "A loss of sight, but never a loss of vision." Board members thanked her for her positive impact on the school.

### **General Consent Calendar**

At the request of Member Earl, item 4.2—Contracts/Agreements for Approval, and item 4.3—Data-sharing Agreements, were pulled from the Consent Calendar.

**MOTION** was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the General Consent Calendar, as amended.

Motion carried.

## **Consent Calendar**

### 4.1 Approval of Meeting Minutes

The Board approved the minutes of its May 7, 2020 meeting.

### 4.2 Contracts/Agreements for Approval

This item was pulled for further discussion.

### 4.3 Data-Sharing Agreements

This item was pulled for further discussion.

### 4.4 Cohort 5 Digital Teaching and Learning Qualified Grant Plans

The Board approved the LEA plans for the Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program in FY 2021 for the following: Ascent Academies of Utah, Channing Hall, Davis School District, Early Light Academy at Daybreak, Emery School District, Granite School District, Hawthorn Academy, Iron School District, Jordan School District, Juab School District, Logan City School District, Mountainville Academy, Murray School District, Nebo School District, North Star Academy, North Summit School District, NUAMES, Pinnacle Canyon Academy, Promontory School of Expeditionary Learning, Rich School District, Salt Lake City School District, Scholar Academy, Sevier School District, South Sanpete School District, South Summit School District, SUCCESS Academy, Tooele School District, Wasatch School District, Washington School District, and Weilenmann School of Discovery.

### 4.5 Board Policy 5007 – Trust Lands Advisory Committee

The Board approved Board Policy 5007, as amended.

### 4.6 Basic Civics Test Waivers

The Board approved waivers to the Basic Civics Test, as requested by LEAs.

### 4.7 Early Learning Standards Implementation Plan

Information was provided to the Board about implementation of the Early Learning Standards.

#### 4.8 Contracts/Agreement for Review

The Board was provided with information about contracts and agreements under \$100,000.

#### Item 4.2 – Contracts/Agreements for Approval

Zac Christensen, Purchasing Director, and Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent, provided clarifying information about the contract with Multidimensional Software Creations and whether the information shared could be an opt-in option. Superintendent Voorhies informed that parents give consent in a meeting before the student information is transferred.

**MOTION** was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the contracts and agreements with the following entities: Multidimensional Software Creations, LLC; University of Kansas Center for Research, Inc.; American Automobile Association (AAA); and SHI.

Motion carried, with Member Boulter opposed.

#### Item 4.3 – Data-sharing Agreements

Whitney Phillips, Data Privacy Officer, provided clarification on the proposed agreement with WestEd, noting that the information to be shared is already public information.

**MOTION** was made by Member Cummins and seconded that the Board approve the data-sharing agreements with Brigham Young University and WestEd.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### **Monthly Budget Report**

Deborah Jacobsen, Finance Director, provided the budget report on the month ending April 30, 2020. She stated that USBE is in a good financial position to cover all current and future obligations, and at this time there is no known misuse of funds or fraud.

Ms. Jacobsen reviewed the Discretionary Fund and indicated some changes will be made as a result of cuts to the FY 20 budget. It was suggested that the \$25,000 set aside for a teacher recruitment campaign may need to be reevaluated.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Sydnee Dickson remarked on the following:

- A virtual celebration was recently held for employees that had reached service milestones.
- Throughout the state, reimagined graduation celebrations have been held that were more personal, connected to teachers and the community, and creatively carried out.
- USBE staff member Sheryl Ellsworth was featured two different times on Channel 5 concerning her experience and advice in raising a mixed-race child.

Dr. Dickson gave an update on work being done and plans to be responsive to schools in dealing with situations related to COVID-19. She also spoke of the protests currently happening across the country and gave her ideas to create mechanisms for systemic change including: Establishing a committee to develop and monitor a sustainable plan for an inclusive workplace at USBE; providing guidance for statewide recruitment and retention efforts of educators of color; and holding town halls/focus groups with students and teachers of color. She stated that there will be a greater commitment on her part to address these issues.

## **USBE Reopening Guidance Direction**

Superintendent Dickson reported that she has been engaged with state and local health department officials and others about minimum expectations for reopening schools, and to differentiate what is required, what is helpful guidance, what is the way forward and who has that role in looking forward. She acknowledged Board Members Hansen, Earl, Lear and Gravier who participated on a call with state and local health department and Utah School Superintendents Association representatives.

Dr. Dickson and Tiffany Stanley, Chief of Staff, reviewed the preliminary draft guidance document: *Return to 2020-2021 School Year, Version 1.0*. It was emphasized that this draft is focused on planning and communication on health and safety and providing clarity around the authority for reopening schools. It was also noted that a most pressing need is to clarify what

the color-coded phased guidelines in the Governor’s Utah LEADS Together Plan mean for schools.

Melissa Cano, Director of Strategic Communications, reviewed an overview of the format that is proposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Hansen and seconded that the Board authorize Superintendent Dickson and USBE staff, with Board member involvement:

1) To move forward in working with the state and local departments of health to clearly define minimum statewide health and safety requirements for LEAs for each of the Utah Leads Together Phased Health Guidelines applicable to schools, by color-coded risk level;

2) to continue identifying best practices, developing model policies, and providing purchasing and other assistance related to "Health and Safety," "Making Education Happen," and other pandemic-related issues in order to provide leadership and support to LEAs for re-opening schools; and

3) that the Superintendent shall consult with the Board regularly to gather feedback and approvals and update requirements and guidance as necessary.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Cummins and seconded that in Section 1, the word “requirement” be replaced with “guidance,” and in Section 3, the words “requirement and” be removed.

Board members discussed at length the differences between having requirements or guidance, whether the Board has authority to provide requirements, and the ambiguity that could exist if it is guidance only.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** was made by Member Davis and seconded to change wording in Section 1 to: “their Minimum Statewide Health and Safety Requirements as applicable to schools and create Guidance . . .”

Motion to amend the amendment carried unanimously.

Amendment, as amended carried, unanimously.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.



### **FY21 Budget Update**

Interim Deputy Superintendent Deborah Jacobsen referenced the list that came out of the legislature's Public Education Appropriations Subcommittee this week with recommendations that will be provided to the Executive Appropriations Committee next week. She reported that the committee was able to maintain the Weighted Pupil Unit (WPU) at the FY20 level. It was also reported that at the direction of PEA, the Board's Purchasing staff are working with State Purchasing to obtain statewide pricing for various software used by LEAs with the hope to reduce the prices.

### **Audit Committee Report**

Vice Chair Cummins reported that no items for action were forwarded from May Audit Committee meeting.

### **CARES Act Set Aside**

Superintendent Dickson referenced the administrative set aside provided in the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding given to states. Dr. Dickson presented recommendations for use of the set-aside funds to the Board, particularly to procure state pricing and a supply line for personal protective equipment for schools.

**MOTION** was made by Member Hansen and seconded that the Board approve USBE staff setting aside up to \$75,000 from the Utah K-12 CARES SEA ten percent set aside to procure the following personal protective equipment for LEAs: 1) 600 thermometers; 2) 50,000 disposable masks.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board approve USBE staff setting aside up to \$2,000,000 from the Utah K-12 CARES SEA ten percent set aside to pursue quotes and procurement for the following materials in coordination with state purchasing: 1) sanitizing wipes; 2) hand sanitizer bottles and refills; 3) face shields; 4) medical gowns.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **Finance Committee Report**

Committee Member Michelle Boulter reported on the following items from the May 7, 2020 meeting. [Information on items not reported will be included in the exhibits to the Board meeting minutes.]

### R277-113 Charter School Operations and School Accounting Amendments

Amendments to R277-113 were made based on stakeholder feedback and to clarify language in the rule. The Committee passed Draft 5 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-113 *Local Education Agency (LEA) Fiscal and Auditing Policies*, Draft 5, on second and final reading.

Motion carried; Member Cannon absent.

### R277-483 LEA Reporting and Accounting Requirements

R277-483 was presented for repeal since the rule has been incorporated into R277-113 and is no longer necessary. The Committee approved repeal of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board repeal R277-483 *LEA Reporting and Accounting Requirements* on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

### R277-752 Special Education Intensive Services Fund

R277-752 has been amended to expand some of the definitions to assist LEAs in putting together reimbursement requests. The Committee made additional changes and approved and continued Draft 3, as amended, on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-752 *Special Education Intensive Service Fund*, Draft 4, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

### R277-491 School Community Councils

It was reported to the committee that it is necessary for R277-491 to be continued or it will sunset in August. The Committee approved continuation of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board continue R277-491 *School Community Councils*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Law and Licensing Committee Report**

Committee Chair Carol Lear reported on the following items from the May 7, 2020 meeting. [Information on items not reported will be included in the exhibits to the Board meeting minutes.]

#### Requests for Waiver from Board Rule R277-419

USBE agreements with Duchesne, Rich and Tintic School Districts for waivers of the 180-day requirement in R277-419 have or will soon expire. All three districts have requested renewal of the waiver.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve the waiver requests from the 180-day requirement in R277-419 for Duchesne School District (Tabiona schools only), Rich School District, and Tintic School District.

Motion carried unanimously.

#### R277-444 *Distribution of Money to Arts and Science Organizations*

R277-444 was reviewed in accordance with the five-year rule review requirement and the rule was amended to delete outdated language references and programs that no longer exist. The Committee approved and continued Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-444 *Distribution of Money to Arts and Science Organizations*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously; Member Marsh absent.

#### R277-409 *Public School Membership in Associations*

Amendments to R277-409 were made as a result of H.B. 344 Sex Offender Restrictions Amendments, passed in the 2020 legislative session. The Committee approved Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-409 *Public School Membership in Associations*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-609 Standards for Local Education Agency (LEA) Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions

As a result of H.B. 58 Electronic Cigarettes in School Amendments passed in the 2020 legislative session, amendments to R277-609 were made to require LEAs to enact policies and procedures for responding to possession or use of electronic cigarette products by a student on school property. The Committee approved Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-609 *Standards for Local Education Agency (LEA) Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-615 Standards and Procedures for Student Searches

Amendments to R277-615 were made as a result of H.B. 58 passed in the 2020 legislative session. The Committee approved Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-615 *Standards and Procedures for Student Searches*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-624 Electronic Cigarette Products in Schools

R277-625 was recommended for repeal due to new language in statute that is identical to the language in the rule, making the rule no longer necessary. The Committee approved repeal of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board repeal R277-624 *Electronic Cigarette Products in Schools* on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-910 Underage Drinking Prevention Program

Amendments were made to R277-910 as a result of H.B. 58 passed in the 2020 legislative session. Amendments include renaming the program and including instruction on the risks of underage usage of electronic cigarette products. The Committee approved Draft 1 on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-910 *Underage Drinking Prevention Program*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-460 Distribution of Substance Abuse Prevention Account

Due to the passage of H.B. 58 in the 2020 legislative session, R277-460 was amended to add electronic cigarette products to a list of substances included in school-base substance abuse prevention programs. The Committee approved Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-460 *Distribution of Substance Abuse Prevention Account*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-924 Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program

As a result of S.B. 137 Partnerships for Student Success Program Amendments passed in the 2020 legislative session, R277-924 was amended to clarify that the required evaluation does not have to be performed by a third-party provider. The Committee approved Draft 1 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-924 *Partnerships for Student Success Grant Program*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

R277-303 Educator Preparation Programs

The Committee reviewed staff recommendations for amendments to R277-303 made as a result of feedback from stakeholders and experience gained in implementing the new licensing structure. The Committee approved and continued Draft 1 on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-303 *Educator Preparation Programs*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried, with Member Davis abstaining due to a conflict of interest.

R277-552 Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes

R277-552 was amended due to the Board's review of an authorizer's processes and H.B. 242 Charter School Operations and School Accounting Amendments passed in the 2020 legislative session. The Committee made additional changes and passed Draft 4, as amended, on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-552 *Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes*, Draft 5, on second and final reading.

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings noted that after the committee meeting staff identified two additional items in the rule for amendment that are included in Draft 6.

**MOTION** to amend was made by Member Lear and seconded that Draft 5 be replaced with Draft 6.

Motion to amend carried.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

R277-550 Charter School Definitions

R277-550 was amended due to amendments in R277-552 *Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes*. The Committee approved Draft 3 of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-550 *Charter School Definitions*, Draft 3, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously. [

## **P-20 Competencies**

Sarah Young, Director of Strategic Initiatives, gave the presentation: P-20 Competencies: Bringing Utah's Portrait of a Graduate to Life. She informed that the P-20 Competencies that have been developed "create mile markers to support students, teachers and parents to design a personalized path" to reach the final destination of the Portrait of a Graduate. She reminded the Board that the Portrait of a Graduate identifies the ideal characteristics of a Utah graduate after going through the K12 system.

Ms. Young reported that the proposed P-20 Competencies will be open for a 30-day public comment period June 9 through July 9, and that after that period concludes, Knowledge Works and USBE staff will compile a set of recommendations for the developers to consider in August. The Competencies will then be brought to the Board for consideration and final approval in September.

## **Standards and Assessment Committee**

Committee Chair Jennifer Graviet reported on the following items from the May 7, 2020 meeting. [Information on items not reported will be included in the exhibits to the Board meeting minutes.]

### School Counselor to Student Ratios

The Committee reviewed plans from LEAs not meeting the recommended school counselor to student ratio of 1:350 or better as an average, for how they intend to meet this ratio.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board accept the recommended plans on the School Counselor to Student Ratios Report from American Leadership Academy and Cache School District.

Motion carried, with Member Belnap opposed; Member Lear absent.

### R277-404 Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement

As a result of H.B. 114 Early Learning Training and Assessment Amendments passed in the 2020 legislative session, amendments were made to R277-404 to include the addition of the early mathematics benchmark assessment and incorporate by reference the Testing Ethics Policy document. The Committee approved Draft 1 on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-404 *Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement*, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

Motion carried, with Members Belnap, Boulter and Earl opposed; Member Lear absent.

#### 2020-2021 Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy

The above-referenced policy is one of the primary documents that is used and referenced for the administration of statewide assessments.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Standard Test Administration and Testing Ethics Policy.

Motion carried, with Members Boulter and Earl opposed; Member Lear absent.[]

#### R277-497 School Accountability System

R277-497 was reviewed in accordance with the five-year review requirement and minor amendments were made. The Committee approved and continued Draft 2 on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-497 *School Accountability System*, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously; Member Lear absent.

#### R277-498 Grant for Math Teaching Training

Repeal of R277-498 was recommended as the program the rule governed no longer receives funding. The Committee approved repeal of the rule on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board repeal R277-498 *Grant for Math Teaching Training* on second and final reading.

Motion carried unanimously; Members Davis and Lear absent.



R277-607 Truancy Prevention

R277-607 was amended to reflect updates to Code due to H.B. 14 School Absenteeism and Truancy Amendments passed in the 2020 legislative session. Amendments include updates to definitions and requirements. The Committee made an additional amendment and approved and continued Draft 1 of the rule, as amended.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve and continue R277-607 *Truancy Prevention*, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Motion carried; Members Davis and Lear absent.

R277-625 Mental Health Screener

New rule R277-625 was created as a result of H.B. 323 Mental Health Screening Amendments passed in the 2020 legislative session. The Committee made additional changes and approved Draft 3 of the rule, as amended, on first reading.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve R277-625 *Mental Health Screener*, Draft 4, on second and final reading.

**MOTION** to amend was made by Member Earl and seconded that the language, "The mental health screener is optional," be added to line 125.

Amendment carried.

Motion as amended carried; Member Lear absent.

2020-2021 Parental Exclusion from State Assessment Form

Board rule R277-404-7(4) requires that the Board provide a Parental Exclusion from State Assessment Form on the Board's website. The Committee reviewed proposed changes to the form.

**MOTION** from Committee that the Board approve the 2020-2021 Parental Exclusion from State Assessment Form.

A Board member concern was expressed that some parents would be able to opt out and others would not be given that opportunity—particularly English learners. It was noted that the WIDA assessment for English learners is not included on the opt-out form. Educational

Specialist Christelle Estrada responded to the concern, citing the importance of students learning English taking the WIDA assessment so teachers can make informed instructional decisions to best support those students. Assistant Superintendent Darin Nielsen also provided information that federal civil rights laws require schools to provide access to all students and monitor their progress, and the WIDA test provides a way to do that.

Motion carried, with Members Boulter and Earl opposed.

### **Executive Session**

**MOTION** was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy on pending or reasonably imminent litigation and the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of individuals.

Upon voice vote of Members Belnap, Boulter, Cannon, Cummins, Davis, Earl, Graviet, Hansen, Haynes, Huntsman, Lear, Marsh, Newell and Thorpe, the Board went into closed executive session at 3:11 p.m.

Those present included the Board members above and Sydnee Dickson, Angie Stallings, Deborah Jacobson, Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus, Patty Norman, Jeffrey Van Hulten, Lorraine Austin and Ben Rasmussen.

**MOTION** was made by Member Belnap and seconded that the Board come out of executive session.

Motion carried. The Board reconvened in open session at 4:28 p.m.

### **Action on Educator Licenses**

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board accept the June 2020 UPPAC Consent Calendar.

**MOTION** to amend was made by Member Lear and seconded that Case No. 20-EH8 be removed.

Amendment carried.

Motion, as amended, carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board approve the recommendation of the Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) in Case No. 19-1642 to suspend the individual's Level 2 Secondary Education license for not less than one year from the date of Board action pursuant to the Consent to Discipline.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 19-1643 to issue a reprimand in accordance with the Consent to Discipline.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 19-1696 to suspend the individual's Level 2 Special Education license for not less than 30 months from the date of Board action pursuant to the Consent to Discipline.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 19-1707 to suspend the individual's Level 2 Secondary Education license for not less than one year pursuant to the Consent to Discipline.

Motion carried unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board accept the UPPAC recommendation in Case No. 20-1731 to suspend the individual's Level 1 Elementary Education license for not less than one year from the date of Board action pursuant to the Consent to Discipline.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Appointments**

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded that the Board reappoint the following to the Utah Special Education Advisory Panel for terms July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023: Allyson White—representing charter schools; Amy Nicholson, Karen Lancaster and Karla Stirling—representing individuals with disabilities/parents of students with disabilities; Emma

Borrmann—representing teachers of students with disabilities; and Summer Gunn—representing educator preparation programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Board Chair's Report**

Chair Huntsman thanked all for their good work and patience and for the great job of adapting that is happening in this year of firsts.

Chair Huntsman announced that he has called a special meeting of the Board on June 11 to chiefly address any rules that may need to be waived or statutes that may need to be amended immediately.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

[For additional information on items from the meeting, see General Exhibit No. 20-15.]

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary  
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