

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
STUDY SESSION MINUTES**

April 16, 2021

A study session of the Utah State Board of Education was held April 16, 2021. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the meeting was held virtually and streamed to the public. Chair Mark Huntsman presided. At the request of the Chair, Second Vice Chair Cindy Davis conducted.

Members Present

Chair Mark Huntsman
First Vice Chair Laura Belnap
Second Vice Chair Cindy Davis
Member Randy Boothe
Member Janet A. Cannon
Member Natalie Cline
Member Jennie Earl

Member Scott B. Hansen
Member Molly Hart
Member Matt Hymas
Member James Moss Jr.
Member Kristan Norton
Member Brent Strate

Members Absent

Member Carol Barlow Lear

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes taken by:

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary

Others Present

Joel Coleman, Michelle Tanner, Susan Patten—Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind;
Bryan Quesenberry, Michelle Beus—Assistant Attorneys General; Malia Hite, Darin Nielsen,
Lisa McLachlan, Jerry Record, Aaron Brough, Jennifer Throndsen, Cybil Child, Ben
Rasmussen, Jeff Van Hulsten, Leah Voorhies, Jared Felt, Kathy Helgesen

Opening Business

Vice Chair Cindy Davis called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. She read the following statement: *As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting is being held electronically without an anchor location to reduce the risk to health and safety from COVID-19 by limiting the frequency of in-person meetings.*

Educator Licensing

Malia Hite, Coordinator of Educator Licensing, made a presentation on educator licensing in the state of Utah, including the Board's role in educator licensing, the educator licensing structure, pathways to professional educator licensing, and future steps for simplification.

Dr. Hite informed that the current CACTUS database system for educators will be the first system incorporated into the Utah Schools Information Management Systems (USIMS). The new system will provide improvements, including personalized pathways for individuals showing what they need to do to qualify for a different endpoint.

Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, added that the move to USIMS will provide immediate transparency.

Dr. Hite also reported on other improvements that have been made to provide guidance with licensing, including a clear checklist of requirements on the website for each license level.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

[For additional information on items from the meeting, see General Exhibit No. 22-11.]

Lorraine Austin, Board Secretary
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