

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
MINUTES

February 10, 2022
12:00 to 2:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) board legislative meeting was on February 10, 2022. The meeting was held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while the meeting was streamed live to the public. First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap presided.

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 L. Hansen

Member Molly Hart
Member Matt Hymas
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member James Moss Jr.
Member Kristan Norton
Member Brent Strate
Member Stacey Hutchings

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

Minutes taken by:

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

Others Present

Emily Willis, Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Deborah Jacobson, Leah Voorhies, Jeffrey Van Hulten, Max Lang, Jared Felt, David Sallay, Tracy Vandeventer, Kathy Helgesen, Todd Hauber, Ben Rasmussen, Zac Christensen, Dale Frost, Sam Urie, Deborah Jacobsen, Jennifer Thronsen, Cammy Wilcox, Noralee Green, Paula Plant, and Jerry Record.

Opening Business

Vice-Chair Laura Belnap called the meeting to order at noon. She read the following statement: *As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting is being held electronically without an anchor location to reduce health and safety risks from COVID-19 by limiting in-person meetings.*

Budget Priorities2022 Legislative Session Funding Priorities

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed the Board's process to identify its budget priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session.

Review of LegislationLegislative Policy Request - School Turnaround Redesign

Deputy Superintendent Stallings introduced the School Turnaround Policy recommendations for 2022.

2022 General Session Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Stallings and Jeffrey Van Hulten, Public Affairs Director, reviewed bills and answered Board member questions.

Board Positions on Legislation and Budget itemsBoard Positions on Legislation

The Board considered its support of legislation or recommendations to bill sponsors for amendments. Member Moss requested that the Board discuss at the February 17, 2022, board legislative meeting HB 294, Charter School Admissions Amendments, and Member Strate requested HB 273, Civics Education Amendments, and HB 211, School Fees Amendments.

MOTION made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear that the Board supports HB 162, Period Products in Schools, as written on February 10, 2022.

Motion carried, with Member Cline opposed.

MOTION made by Member Huntsman and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board opposes HB 204, Trust Land Disposal Requirements, as written on February 10, 2022.

Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION made by Member Lear and seconded Member Hansen that the Board opposes HB 331, Hope Scholarship Program, as written on February 10, 2022.

Motion carried, with Members Hart, Earl, and Moss abstained.

MOTION made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Hutchings that the Board supports SB 127, Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement, as written on February 10, 2022.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Lear.

Motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary
Minutes approved February 17, 2022.