

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**LEGISLATIVE MEETING**  
**MINUTES**

February 17, 2022  
12:00 to 2:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) board legislative meeting was on February 17, 2022. First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap presided. The meeting was held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while the meeting was streamed live to the public.

**Members Present**

First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap	Member Molly Hart
Second Vice-Chair Cindy Davis	Member Matt Hymas
Member Randy Boothe	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Janet A. Cannon	Member James Moss Jr.
Member Natalie Cline	Member Kristan Norton
Member Jennie Earl	Member Brent Strate
Member Scott L. Hansen	Member Stacey Hutchings

**Members Excused**

Chair Mark Huntsman

**Executive Staff Present**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent  
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent  
Deborah Jacobsen, Assistant Superintendent  
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

**Minutes taken by:**

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

**Others Present**

Utah State Board of Education Staff: Jeff Van Hulten, Jerry Record, Leah Voorhies, Sam Urie, Noralee Green, Dale Frost, David Sallay, Jodi Parker, Paula Plant, Jennifer Throndsen, Ashley Biehl, Bryan Quesenberry, Todd Call, Zac Christensen, Debbie Davis, Nathan Auck, Kathy Helgesen, Jared Felt, and Todd Hauber.

**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.*

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

**MOTION** was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Hart that the Board approves the minutes of its February 10, 2022 meeting.

Motion passed unanimously.

**Budget Priorities****2022 Legislative Session Funding Priorities**

Sam Urie, School Finance Director, and Jeff Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, reviewed the Board's process to identify its budget priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session. Jeff Van Hulten presented an update about the bills related to the Board's funding priorities.

**Wavier Request to Rule R277-477**

Paula Plant, School Children's Trust Director, explained the request for the waiver request. R277-477 requires schools to submit School LAND Trust final reports to be reviewed by the school's LEA, followed by a summary report to the governing Board. USBE has been rolling out a new website, and the required form was delayed. The report form should have been posted by January 15, 2022, but wasn't available to schools until February 3, 2022. As a result, schools and LEAs have requested additional time to meet their obligations. The delay is complicated for medium to large LEAs to review their reports quickly. Staff recommends extending the March 1 deadline to March 18 to match the delay caused by the website rollout.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boothe and seconded by Member Norton that the Board extends the deadlines in Subsections R277-477-6(7) and (8) from March 1 to March 18 for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

## Review of Legislation

### 2022 General Session Legislation

Jeffrey Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, reviewed bills and answered Board member questions about 2022 General Session bills.

Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent, presented updates about the 1<sup>st</sup> Sub SB 134, Special Education Amendments, Sen. Bramble.

Jeff Van Hulten reviewed the following bills:

- HB 294, Charter School Admissions Amendments,
- HB 273, Civics Education Amendments,
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- SB 163, Administrative Rules Amendments,
- HB 396, Paid Professional Hours for Educators,
- HB 419, Audit Committee Authority Amendments,
- HB 417, Online Course Access Amendments,
- HB 337, Office of the Education Ombudsman,
- 1st Sub SB 62, Special Needs Opportunity Scholarship Program Amendments,
- HB 356, Athletic Coaching Standards Amendments,
- SB 192, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation in Schools,
- HB 390, Early College and Concurrent Enrollment Program Amendments,

## Board Positions on Legislation and Budget items

### Board Positions on Legislation

The Board considered its support of legislation or recommendations to bill sponsors for amendments.

**MOTION** made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board supports HB 273, Civics Education Amendments, as written on February 17, 2022.

Motion carried with Member Cline abstained.

**MOTION** made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Hart that the Board removes the opposing position of SB 134, Special Education Amendments.

Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Hart that the Board supports HB 294, Charter School Admissions Amendments, as written on February 17, 2022.

Motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

**MOTION** made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board supports HB 396, Paid Professional Hours for Educators.

**MOTION TO AMEND** made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Boothe to direct staff to speak to the bill sponsor for amendments to the language in lines 47-66 to provide adequate flexibility or that the "and's" to "or's."

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board supports SB 127, Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement, as written on February 17, 2022.

Motion failed with Member Cannon absent.

#### **CALL THE QUESTION**

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved February 24, 2022.