

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
MINUTES

February 22, 2022
10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) board legislative meeting was on February 22, 2022. Chair Huntsman presided and called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. The meeting was held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic, while the meeting was streamed live to the public.

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
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 House of Representatives - Speaker Brad Wilson; Office of the Legislative - Fiscal Analyst Finance Manager Ben Leishman; Utah State Board of Education staff - Jeff Van Hulten, Jerry Record, Jared Felt, Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Maddy Oritt, Sam Urie, Zac Christensen, David Sallay, Paula Plant, Ryan Bartlett, Noralee Green, Kathy Helgesen, Tracey Vandeventer, Dale Frost, Erin Wynn, and Ben Rasmussen.

Opening Business

Chair Huntsman called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. He 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.*

Review of Legislation**2022 General Session Legislation Review**

Speaker Brad Wilson and Finance Manager Ben Leishman presented their legislative recommendations to secure future funding for education, stabilize Utah's budget structure, and remove the state sales tax on food. The proposed continuing to prioritize funding for education with additional guarantees, institute smarter budget practices by removing artificial barriers in state appropriations, removing the state sales tax on food, and putting the proposal on the ballot to allow voters the opportunity to decide.

Board members had the opportunity to ask clarifying questions about the proposal.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:31 a.m.

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