



**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES**

[USBE Study Session](#)

September 8, 2023
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on September 8, 2023. As Utah Code 52-4 authorized, this meeting was held electronically with an anchor location at 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. Chair Moss presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

Members Present

Chair James Moss

First Vice Chair Molly Hart

Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl

Member Matt Hymas

Member Carol Barlow Lear

Member Natalie Cline

Member Emily Green

Member Randy Boothe

Member LeAnn Wood

Member Christina Boggess

Member Sarah Reale

Member Brent J. Strate

Member Kristin Norton

Members Absent

Member Joseph Kerry

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent

Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Kelsey James, Board's Communications Coordinator

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Board Secretary



Others Present

Michelle Beus, Leah Voorhies, Darin Nielsen, Elisse Newey, Debbie Davis, and Jennifer Thronsen.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Study Session

USBE Mission and Vision

Mission: Academic Excellence that Produces a love of learning.

- Management of Taxpayer Funds
- Information Systems
- Academic Standards
- Policy
- Internal Operations

MOTION was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Davis that the mission be “to open doors of opportunity for all Utah children.”

The motion carried with Members Boggess and Cline opposed.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Cline and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board approve the following mission statement: “to CREATE THE CONDITIONS THAT ALLOW TEACHERS TO provide traditional academic foundations to students, who with their families, are free to create their own opportunities.”

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, and Green in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss opposed.



SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board approve the following mission statement: “Educate for Freedom.”

The motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, Earl, Green, and Wood in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate and Moss opposed.

Mission: To open doors of opportunity for Utah children



Vision: Academic Excellence

Students will have the knowledge and skills to be able to:

- Continue Learning
- Lead meaningful lives
- Preserve our constitutional republic
- Participate in civic responsibilities

MOTION was made by Member Cline and seconded by Member Green that the Board approve the vision statement as follows: “Foster freedom through foundational academics first.”



The motion failed with Members Boggess, Cline, and Green in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Green that the Board approve the vision statement as follows: “Foster freedom through academic and organizational excellence for Utah public education.”

The motion failed with Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Strate, and Wood in favor and Members Boggess, Cline, Green, Lear, Norton, Reale, and Moss opposed.

CALL THE QUESTION

The motion carried with Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood in favor and Members Boggess, Cline, and Green opposed.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the board approves the vision statement as follows: “Foster freedom through foundational academics in Utah public education.”

The motion to amend the amendment failed, with Members Boggess, Cline, and Green in favor and Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood opposed.

USBE Draft Performance Measures

Overview

- Review of State Performance Measures
- K-12 Reciprocal Performance Framework
- Draft Performance Measures for K-12 Education
- Review of Timeline for Next Steps



What is a performance measure?

Line-Item Performance Measures

In 2014, the Executive Appropriations Committee took a motion directing all subcommittees to include performance measures for each major line item in an annual appropriations act. These measures are:

- Measures of a program's objective, effectiveness, etc., that are included as intent language under a line item in an appropriations bill,
- Reported annually,
- Meant to show long-term trends and progress toward key agency goals.

Funding-Item Performance Measures

An extension from the Legislature's funding item follow-up report in 2021, HB 326, Performance Reporting and Efficiency Requirements, required executive department agencies to develop performance measures for each applicable funding item following the session. These measures are:

- Measures of a program's objective, effectiveness, etc., that result from action during a legislative session that appropriate \$500,000 or more from the General Fund or Income Tax Fund,
- Reported once, typically after the close of the first fiscal year of funding,
- Meant to show the short-term impact of new funding.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 PM.

Minutes were taken by Cybil Prideaux, Board Secretary.

The minutes were approved on October 5, 2023.