

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

Utah State Capitol Complex

February 20, 2025

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on February 20, 2025. Vice Chair Wood presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the Utah State Capitol Complex Senate Committee Room 210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114. The public can hear the audio of the meeting through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present

First Vice-Chair Molly Hart

Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood

Member Christina Boggess

Member Carol Lear

Member Cindy Davis

Member Cole Kelley

Member Sarah Reale

Member Rod Hall

Member Randy Boothe

Member Jennie Earl

Member Joann Brinton

Members Online

Member Emily Green

Member Amanda Bollinger

Board Chair Matt Hymas

Member Joseph Kerry

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent

Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others Present:

Kelsey James, David Lowry, Michelle Beus, Ashley Biehl, Vanessa Barnes, Greg Connell, Todd Hauber, Jason Strate, Alex Farah, Jerry Record, Patricia Franks, and Royce Van Tassell.

Opening Business

Vice Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 12:02 PM. She welcomed the public and board members to the forum. He shared an overview of the legislative session and board members' participation protocol.

Budget Priorities

Status of Legislative Funding

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed [SB 1 Public Education Base Budget Amendments](#) and answered Board Member questions.

Legislator's Review of Bills

Representative Thurston Norman spoke about a bill he is sponsoring, [H.B. 156 -- Education Board Amendments \(Rep. Thurston, N.\)](#).

General Description:

This bill modifies provisions relating to state school board powers.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- modifies provisions relating to state school board powers;

Review of Legislation

Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, and Greg Connell, Policy Analyst, lead the review of legislation discussion.

1. [HB 508](#) - MacPherson - School Data Amendments
2. [HB 497](#) - Hall - Public Education Compliance
3. [HB 483](#) - Walter - Advocacy Office School Land Trust
4. [SB 267](#) Johnson- Charter Authorizer Bill
5. [HB 169](#) - Welton - State Board of Education Amendments
6. [SOEP bills](#) - Comparison (Eliason- [HB 264](#), Johnson- [SB 35](#), Cullimore [SB 137](#))
7. [HB 447](#) - Schultz - Statewide Catalyst Campus Model
8. [HB 455](#) - Pierucci - Utah Fits All Scholarship Program Amendments
9. [HB 381](#) - Welton - Civics Education Amendments (Trish)
10. [SB 99](#) - Fillmore - Excellence in Education and Leadership Supplement Amendments
11. [HB 233](#) - Peck - School Curriculum Amendments
12. [HB 168](#) - Defay - Artificial Intelligence Task Force
13. [HB 184](#) - Miller -School Trust Land Amendments*

Action on Legislation

MOTION - Member Davis moved, seconded by Member Boggess, that the Board direct staff to work with [H.B. 508 School Data Amendments](#) on the reasonableness of the fiscal impact, burden on LEAs, and timeline to complete the study.

The motion carried.

In favor: Members Bollinger, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Green, Hall, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Reale, and Wood.

Opposed: Members Boggess and Brinton.

Absent: Member Kelley.

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Davis that the Board adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:36 PM.

Cybil Prideaux, Board Executive Assistant
The minutes were approved on March 6, 2025.