

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Utah State Capitol Complex

February 27, 2025

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on February 27, 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

Board Chair Matt Hymas

First Vice-Chair Molly Hart

Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood

Member Randy Boothe

Member Carol Lear

Member Cindy Davis

Member Cole Kelley

Member Sarah Reale

Member Rod Hall

Member Joseph Kerry

Member Jennie Earl

Member Amanda Bollinger

Members Online

Member Emily Green

Member Joann Brinton

Member Christina Boggess

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 12:05 PM. She welcomed the public and board members to the forum.

Budget Priorities

Status of Legislative Funding

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

Review of Legislation

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

1. [SB 137](#) - Cullimore - Course Choice Empowerment
2. [SB 35](#) - Johnson - Statewide Online Education Program Modifications
3. [HB 246](#) - Elison - Statewide Online Education Program Amendments
4. [HB 508](#) - MacPherson - School Data Amendments
5. [HB 497](#) - Hall - Public Education Compliance
6. [HB 483](#) - Walter - Advocacy Office School Land Trust
7. [SB 267](#) Johnson- Charter Authorizer Bill

8. [HB 169](#) - Welton - State Board of Education Amendments
9. [HB 447](#) - Schultz - Statewide Catalyst Campus Model
10. [HB 455](#) - Pierucci - Utah Fits All Scholarship Program Amendments
11. [HB 381](#) - Welton - Civics Education Amendments (Trish)
12. [SB 99](#) - Fillmore - Excellence in Education and Leadership Supplement
Amendments
13. [HB 233](#) - Peck - School Curriculum Amendments
14. [HB 168](#) - Defay - Artificial Intelligence Task Force
15. [HB 184](#) - Miller - School Trust Land Amendments*
16. [HB 228](#) - Lisonbee - Public Education Immunization Amendments (TF)
17. [H.B. 545](#)-- School District Governance Agreements (*Rep. Peterson, K.*)
18. [H.B. 483 Third Substitute](#) -- School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration
Modifications (*Rep. Walter, N.*)
19. [H.B. 156 First Substitute](#) -- Education Board Amendments (*Rep. Thurston, N.*)

Action on Legislation

MOTION - Member Davis moved, seconded by Member Boothe, that the Board direct staff to support [H.B. 396](#)-- Small School District Scale of Operations Formula (*Rep. Peterson, K.*).

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION - Member Wood moved, seconded by Member Hart, that the Board direct staff to support [H.B. 537](#) -- Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind Amendments (*Rep. Pierucci, C.*).

The motion carried.

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

1 Abstain: Member Boggess.

MOTION - Member Earl moved, seconded by Member Green, that the Board direct staff to support [S.B. 39](#) -- Education Testing Amendments (*Sen. Johnson, J.*).

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Kerry 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.