



Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Governing Board Meeting,
Continued Business from the previous meeting on January 10, 2025,
and USBE Work Session.
1:00 to 4:08 PM

A regular [Utah State Board of Education meeting](#) was held on January 10, 2025. Chair Hymas presided. As Utah Code 52-4 authorized, this meeting was held at the state board offices, 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present

Board Chair Matt Hymas	Member Cindy Davis
First Vice-Chair Molly Hart	Member Jennie Earl
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood	Member Rod Hall
Member Christina Boggess	Member Joseph Kerry
Member Amanda Bollinger	Member Carol Lear
Member Randy Boothe	Member Joann Brinton
Member Sarah Reale	Member Emily Green

Members Absent

Member Cole Kelley

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Interim Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Chair Hymas called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Board Meeting

Board of Education (USBE) Board Bylaws Amendments

Jennie Earl, Board Member

LeAnn Wood, Board Member

Randy Boothe, Board Member

MOTION was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board amends Article II Section 3 of the Board Bylaws to add a standing committee for the Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind.

3) “Board standing committees” mean the Finance Committee, Law and Licensing Committee, Standards and Assessment Committee, and Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind Committee.

The motion passed unanimously.

14 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Brinton, Green, Hart, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Davis, Boothe, Earl, and Hall.

Transportation Legislative Request

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approve the USDB legislative funding request for an additional \$2,000,000 needed for pupil transportation due to additional growth that requires more routes.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Brinton, Green, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

2 ABSENT: Members Hart and Kelley.

Unfinished Board Business from the December 5, 2024, Meeting

Consent Calendar

ACTION: Approve Small School District Capital Projects Fund Panel Recommendations

Member Boggess pulled this agenda item from the consent calendar for discussion.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Boothe: That the board approve the panel recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Brinton, Green, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

2 ABSENT: Members Hart and Kelley.

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Minutes

Member Boggess pulled this agenda item for discussion.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approves the meeting minutes, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Brinton, Green, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

2 ABSENT: Members Hart and Kelley.

ACTION: Contracts/Agreements for Approval

Member Earl pulled the WestEd contract from the list of contracts for discussion.

(Agreement Number: USBE250049CT, Contractor: WestEd)

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve Agreement Number: USBE250049CT, Contractor: WestEd.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Hart, Hymas, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

1 OPPOSED: Member Boggess.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Brinton.

2 ABSENT: Members Kelley and Green.

MOTION was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approve the remaining contracts for approval.

The motion carried.

IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Brinton, Green, Hart, Hymas, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

OPPOSED: Members Green and Boggess.

ACTION: FY25 USDA Farm to School Grant Letter of Support

Member Boggess pulled this consent calendar item for further discussion.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board provide a letter of support for Child Nutrition Programs (CNP) to partner with Utah Department of Agriculture and Food (UDAF) in applying for the 2025 Fiscal Year Farm to School Grant opportunity operated by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Hart, Hymas, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

3 OPPOSED: Members Green, Brinton and Boggess.

2025 General Session Legislation Preparation

Requests for Statutory Changes

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board request statutory changes for the following items:

1. requests statutory language uniform reporting systems similar to statutory language for uniform financial systems and limiting to current systems used.
2. Amend the \$38 million funding request for one SIS system to \$35 million one-time funds disbursed over a five-year period to support LEA's in their current system compliance updates in the uniform reporting framework. Funds to be distributed via grant.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger Hart, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

3 OPPOSED: Members Green, Kerry, and Brinton.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board amend the Critical USBE FTE Needs Funding Request to add three additional Internal Audit Department staff to assist with its critical functions (Three FTE's - \$546,000). (the total Critical USBE FTE Needs request would be \$1,815,190.) and to prioritize funding appropriated for the Critical USBE FTE Needs to fill the Internal Audit Department positions first.

The motion failed.

5 IN FAVOR: Members Hall, Brinton, Boggess, Boothe, and Green.

9 OPPOSED: Members Lear, Reale, Bollinger, Kerry, Hart, Hymas, Wood, Davis, and Earl.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Green.
The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 4:03 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes were approved on February 6, 2025.