

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

Utah State Capitol Complex
January 30, 2025

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on January 30, 2025. Vice Chair Earl 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	Member Jennie Earl
First Vice-Chair Molly Hart	Member Emily Green
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood	Member Rod Hall
Member Christina Boggess	Member Cole Kelley
Member Amanda Bollinger	Member Joseph Kerry
Member Randy Boothe	Member Carol Lear
Member Joann Brinton	Member Sarah Reale
Member Cindy Davis	

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:

Deborah Jacobsen, Darin Nielson, David Lowry, Michelle Beus, Vanessa Barnes, Sam Urie, David Lowell, Debbie Davis, Greg Connell, Todd Hauber, Lisa Cluff, Susan Edwards, Jamie Renda, Katy Challis, Julie Clark, Lexi Cunningham, Patricia Franks, Nathan Auck, Elizabeth Garbe, Adelyn Jenson, Kayla Cullimore, Zee Kilpack, and Royce Van Tassell.

Opening Business

Vice Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 12:03 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 Priorities2025 Legislative Session Budget and Requests for Appropriations Processes and Actions

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, and Dale Frost, MSP Administrator, discussed the funding priorities. In accordance with the Budgetary Procedures and Money Management Acts, the Utah State Board of Education provides the legislature with funding requests/prioritizations for the current and next fiscal year.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board support the Legislative Staff recommendations to reallocate one-time funding balances identified for existing and closed programs, except for programs identified by USBE staff that do not have the correct balances due to currently encumbered funds;

(26) School Turnaround and Leadership Development;

(28) School Software Licenses for Early Literacy;

(30) Student Support Services and (add additional items if needed).

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board recommend that the legislature sustain on-going funding for all items highlighted for review by legislative staff.

The motion failed.

7 In Favor: Members Bollinger, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Lear, Reale, and Wood.

7 Opposed: Members Boggess, Brinton, Green, Hall, Hart, Hymas, and Kelley.

1 Abstained: Member Kerry.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board oppose the Legislative Staff recommendation to reallocate the USDB Capital Project Funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board direct Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) staff to complete a report to the Board regarding the use of the 29 million dollars requested by the legislature for expansion and growth and bring it to the Board for review at the February 5 board meeting for review.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Reale that the Board strike “at the February 5 board meeting for review.”

The motion carried.

8 In Favor: Members Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Davis, Green, Hall, Kelley, and Kerry.

7 Opposed: Members Boothe, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Reale, and Wood.

Final motion, as amended.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Green and seconded by Member Davis that the Board direct staff to release the list of USBE Staff Recommendations for Fund Reallocations to LFA staff.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear that the Board requests that the funds be reallocated to the board or toward one of the Board's top 10 funding items.

The motion carried.

10 In Favor: Members Bollinger, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hall, Hymas, Kelley, Lear, Reale, and Wood.

3 Opposed: Members Boggess, Green, and Hart.

1 Abstained: Members Brinton and Kerry.

Action on Legislation

MOTION was made by Member Hart and seconded that the Board opposes [S.B. 111](#) - Public Education Governance Amendments (*Sen. Millner, A.*), pending further changes.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board postpone until the February 13 board legislative meeting during the review of legislation.

The motion carried.

9 In Favor: Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Reale, and Wood.

6 Opposed: Members Boggess, Bollinger, Brinton, Green, Hart, and Kelley.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board supports the following:

[H.B. 228](#)-- Public Education Immunization Amendments (**Rep. Lisonbee, K.**)

The motion carried.

12 In Favor: Members Boggess, Bollinger, Boothe, Brinton, Earl, Green, Hall, Hart, Hymas, Kelley, Kerry, and Wood.

3 Opposed: Members Davis, Lear, and Reale.

Adjournment

Member Kerry and seconded by Member Lear that the Board adjourn their meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 1:48 PM.

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