



Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

[Utah State Board of Education Board Meeting,](#)

Continued Business from the previous meeting on March 6, 2025,
and USBE Work Session.

1:00 to 4:00 PM

A regular Utah State Board of Education meeting was held on March 7, 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

First Vice-Chair Molly Hart

Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood

Member Christina Boggess

Member Amanda Bollinger

Member Randy Boothe

Member Sarah Reale

Member Cindy Davis

Member Jennie Earl

Member Cole Kelley

Member Joseph Kerry

Member Carol Lear

Member Emily Green

Member Rod Hall

Members Online

Member Joann Brinton

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 1:07 PM.

Unfinished Board Business from the March 6, 2025, Meeting

Executive Session (closed in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act)

The motion was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of

- a person's character, competence, or health;
- pending or imminent litigation;
- certain matters regarding the acquisition or sale of real property, including water rights or shares;
- the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems;
- an investigation of alleged criminal conduct;
- the receipt or review of an ethics complaint if the public body is the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission;
- certain matters under the jurisdiction of a legislative ethics committee; and
- certain deliberations and decision making involved in the procurement process.

Upon voice vote of Members Reale, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Boothe, Green, Kerry, Wood, Lear, Hall, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kelley, and Bollinger, the Board went into closed session at 1:16 PM.

The above members, minus Member Brinton and the following individuals were present: Sydnee Dickson, Scott Jones, Cybil Prideaux, Kelsey James, Michelle Beus, Elisse Newey, and Ben Rasmussen.

MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Reale that the Board come out of the executive session.

Upon voice vote of Members Reale, Boggess, Brinton, Boothe, Davis, Boothe, Green, Kerry, Wood, Lear, Hall, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kelley, and Bollinger, the Board came out of the executive session at 1:50 PM.

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations – (Items duplicated from the February 7, 2025, meeting)

R277-113, LEA Fiscal and Auditing Policies (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approves R277-113, LEA Fiscal and Auditing Policies, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

WITHOUT OBJECTION R277-113, LEA Fiscal and Auditing Policies (Amendment) was postponed to the March 7, 2025, Unfinished Agenda item.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded that approves R277-113, LEA Fiscal and Auditing Policies, Draft 1, on second and final reading and bring back the Rule R277-113-8 for the May 1 board meeting.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSED: Member Kerry.

3 ABSTAINED: Members Green, Brinton, and Boggess.

Study Session

Open and Public Meetings Act Training

The Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) requires that members of a public body be “provided with annual training on the requirements of [the Open and Public Meetings Act]”

([Section 52-4-104](#)). OPMA's stated goal is to ensure that the state, its agencies, and its political subdivisions deliberate and take action openly ([Section 52-4-102](#)).

Assistant Attorneys General Michelle Beus and Ashley Biehl presented the training.

Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) Training

GRAMA Officer Ben Rasmussen presented the annual training to the board members.

The legislative intent is the following:

1. Promote the Public's Right of Easy and Reasonable Access to Unrestricted Public Records
2. Specify Those Conditions Under which the Public Interest in Allowing Restrictions on Access to Records may Outweigh the Public's interest in access
3. Prevent Abuse of Confidentiality by Governmental Entities by Permitting Confidential Treatment of Records only as Provided in GRAMA
4. Provide Guidelines for Both Disclosure and Restrictions on Access to Government Records
5. Favor Public Access when, in the application of this act, countervailing interests are of equal weight
6. Establish Fair and Reasonable Records Management Practices.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Reale and seconded by Member Kelley.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:13 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.

The minutes were approved on April 3, 2025.