Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on June 4, 2026, and was scheduled to start at 9:00 AM. Chair Hymas presided. As authorized by Utah Code Section 52-4, this meeting was held at the state board offices, located at 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 Amanda Bollinger
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood
Member Joseph Kerry
Member Carol Lear
Member Erin Longacre
Member Cindy Davis
Member Christina Boggess
Member Sarah Reale
Member Jennie Earl
Member Rod Hall
Member Emily Green
Member Joann Brinton
Member Cole Kelley

Executive Staff Present

Molly Hart, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Julie King, SherRee Jencklin, Brady Fonnesbeck, Derek Beer, Jullie Payne, John Anderson, Prateek Dehran, Noelle McConnell, Lori Hawthorne, Sydnee Seager, Julie Cluff, Cammy Whitchurch, Ryan McChan, Rebekah Mecham, Lucy Mecham, Laurel Almstedt, Mont Timmins, Clark Timmins, Patti Timmins, Kira Flanagan, Kathy Flanagan, Glen Flanagan, Lizzy Flanagan, Ned Holt, Carson Flanagan, Katie Flanagan, David Flanagan, Weston Mitchell, Tina Mitchell, Grady Mitchell, Cade Douglas, and Payton Ashley.

Opening Business

Chair Hymas called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Member Boothe led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Member Boggess was absent at this time.

Member Message

Member Erin Longacre shared the monthly message.

Employee Recognition

Superintendent Hart announced the Employee of the Month: Susie Scherer.

Acknowledgment of Student Artwork

The Arts team was excited to highlight the winners of the Sorenson Legacy Award for Excellence in Arts Education. We also wanted to share some of the art submissions for the America250 Utah Competition.

Public Comment for USBE

The Board heard from Julie Cluff, Ashley Chhour, Cooper McCullough, Guillermo Rodriquez, Betty Jimenez, and Katrina Brinkley.

- The public may sign up to share public comments at publiccomment@schools.utah.gov.
- The public may send written public comments to the Board at board@schools.utah.gov
- Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per person.
- A comment can express support or dissent for regulatory action.
- Individuals should refrain from using public comments to complain about personnel issues or attack or defame another individual.
- Speakers making a highly detailed or complex comment should also consider providing a written outline of their words to the Board.
- Please remember that children may hear your comments. Be thoughtful and professional.
- Keep your comments appropriate for a general audience. If you have material with explicit language or content, submit such material in writing to the Board at board@schools.utah.gov

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations - (Items duplicated from the May 8, 2026, meeting.)

R277-477, Distribution of Funds from the Trust Distribution Account and Administration of the School LAND Trust Program (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue and approve R277-477, Distribution of Funds from the Trust Distribution Account and Administration of the School LAND Trust Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Request for Use of Utah State Board of Education Discretionary Funds for Development of Playground Equipment

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve the use of $120,000 of Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funding for this project, contingent upon presentation of a formal legal opinion at the June Board meeting.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board approve the use of $120,000 of Federal Mineral Lease (FML) funding for this project, with the understanding that the Superintendent will work cooperatively on a robust research plan.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Green and seconded by Member Green that the Board add to the end of the above motion:
"and make an initial report to the Board in the August board meeting."

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion carried.

9 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton.

5 OPPOSE: Members Bollinger, Reale, Wood, Lear, and Hymas.

Spectrum Academy and Special Education Funding Formulas

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board seeks a legislative change to create an additional SpEd formula to add 1.5 WPUs per SpEd ADM for LEAs for schools with more than 70% SpEd ADM.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kerry and that the Board seeks a legislative change to address the special education funding issues raised by LEAs and Schools with unusually high rates of special education students (e.g. greater than 70%).

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Decision Regarding Property Tax Working Group

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board suspend the Property Tax working group created by Board motion on November 6, 2025.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Green.

R277-625, Mental Health Screeners (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-625, Mental Health Screeners, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion failed.

7 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Lear, Hymas, and Bollinger.

7 OPPOSE: Members Earl, Green, Brinton, Hall, Kelley, Longacre, and Kerry.

R277-916, College and Career Awareness (Repeal)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board repeal R277-916, College and Career Awareness, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSE: Member Kerry.

R277-911, Secondary Career and Technical Education (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-911, Secondary Career and Technical Education, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-407, School Fees (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue and approve R277-407, School Fees, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board postpone this item to June 5, 2026, Unfinished Business agenda item.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-632, Funding for At-Risk Students and Students Learning English (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-632, Funding for At-Risk Students and Students learning English, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Davis That the board amend line 62-63 to strike “no carry forward” and replace with “less than 5% carry forward” and strike “for the three preceding years.”

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-634, Grants and Scholarships (New)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-634, Grants and Scholarships, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

> **MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear that the Board amend R277-634, Grants and Scholarships, Draft 1 by adding "subject to legislative appropriations," on line 61 after "Section 53G-9-216."
>
> **The motion passed unanimously.**
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> **14 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

> **The motion passed unanimously.**
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> **14 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules - Draft 1, on second and final reading.

> **The motion passed unanimously.**
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> **14 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations - (Items duplicated from the May 22, 2026, meeting.)

R277-726, Statewide Online Education Program (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-726, Statewide Online Education Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board amend the rule by adding "the parent or student" to line 206 after "and."

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board amend R277-726 by revising lines 979 and 980 to read: 6) The Superintendent may restrict an online provider from offering coursework within a relevant content area if the online provider has repeatedly demonstrated low performance on statewide assessments in one of the following: English language arts, mathematics, or science.

The motion failed.

7 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Green, Hall, Kerry, and Brinton.

5 OPPOSED: Members Davis, Wood, Lear, Boothe, and Bollinger.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Hymas

1 ABSENT: Member Reale.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board amend R277-726 by revising lines 979-981 by adding to the end of the line "taking into consideration the assessment performance of other districts, charters, and

other SOEP Online Providers."

The motion passed unanimously.

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

ABSENT: Member Reale.

WITHDRAWN WITHOUT OBJECTION **MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member that the Board amend strike lines 1011-1015 and replace with:

"(a) A student may take up to six program credits per academic year, unless the student's primary LEA approves excess credits in accordance with local policy or an approved early graduation plan.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

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

ABSENT: Member Reale.

<u>R277-419, Pupil Accounting (Amendment & Continuation)</u>

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-419, Pupil Accounting, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board add to the end of Line 208 "or 53G-10-205."

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Green, Hall, Kerry, and Brinton.

2 OPPOSE: Members Bollinger and Hymas.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board amend the rule on the end of Line 244, "and

The motion carried.

8 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Green, Hall, Kerry, and Brinton.

6 OPPOSE: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Lear, Bollinger, and Hymas.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member that the Board amend R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention, by adding the following after line 89, R277-607-3-3(1)(a)(i):

(ii) establishes a clear process, timeline, and standard for converting an unexcused absence into a truancy consistent with Subsection 53G-6-201(17);

(iii) outlines the procedures and timelines for issuing a notice of compulsory education for students in grades 1 through 6 consistent with Section 53G-6-202;

(iv) outlines the procedures and timelines for issuing a notice of truancy for students in grades 7 through 12 consistent with Section 53G-6-203; and

(v) establishes that for students in grades 7 through 12, an LEA may enter an incident report of habitual truancy into the Utah Transcript and Record Exchange (UTREx) system after a student accumulates 20 truancies, provided the LEA has issued a notice of truancy in alignment with state law and LEA policy.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Hall, Brinton, and Bollinger.

2 OPPOSED: Members Green and Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board amend R277-607, Draft 1, by striking the current language in line 96 and replacing it with:

(b) shall review the attendance policy in an open and public meeting every five years.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board amend Line 83 to add at the end of the line "or section 53G-10-205."

The motion carried.

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

6 OPPOSED: Members Hymas, Lear, Wood, Bollinger, Boothe, Reale

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSED: Member Green.

R277-484, Data Standards (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve R277-484, Data Standards, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO RECONSIDER R277-625, Mental Health Screeners (Amendment) was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Brinton.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board amend R277-625, Mental Health Screeners, Draft 2, by striking lines 143-152.

(2) The Superintendent shall determine a participating LEA's need by considering the LEA's ability to support and provide mental health services for a student, including:

(a) the availability of mental health services within the LEA;

(b) the availability of mental health services within the LEA's surrounding community;

(c) the overall accessibility of mental health services for students within the LEA;

(d) the current student demand for mental health services within an LEA; and

(e) capacity of the LEA to meet existing and future student demands for mental health services.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION, AS AMENDED, for reconsideration of motion on R277-625, Mental Health Screeners

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 OPPOSED: Member Green.

Member Boggess attended the meeting.

Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations – (Items duplicated from the May 8, 2026, meeting.)

Iron County School District Waiver Request (New)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve Iron County School District's request for a waiver from R277-419-4.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

3 ABSTAINED: Members Boggess, Green, and Wood.

Canyons School District Waiver Request (New)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve Canyons School District's request for a waiver from R277-700-5 for the 2026-27 school year, which may be extended through the 2028-29 school year upon legislative changes.

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Boggess.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Tooele County School District Waiver Request (Renewal)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve Tooele County School District's request for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

2 ABSENT: Members Davis and Green.

City Academy Waiver Request (New)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve City Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552-6(9) for one year.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

1 OPPOSED: Member Boggess.

2 ABSENT: Members Davis and Green.

R277-605, Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-605, Coaching Standards and Athletic Clinics, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board amend R277-605, Draft 2, by adding a new Subsection (6) to Section R277-605-4 to read as follows:

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not permit an additional adult or guest to travel with, lodge with, or accompany the team or student group during a school-sponsored activity unless the individual has successfully passed a criminal background check and ongoing monitoring through the employing LEA consistent with Section 53G-11-402.

(b) The background check requirement described in Subsection (6)(a) applies to any accompanying individual who is 18 years of age or older and is not a student currently enrolled in the LEA."

WITHDRAWN WITHOUT OBJECTION **MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board insert "who is not enrolled in or employed by an LEA" as follows:

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not permit an additional adult or guest who is not enrolled in or employed by an LEA to travel with, lodge with, or accompany the team or student group during a school-sponsored activity unless the individual has successfully passed a criminal background check and ongoing monitoring through the employing LEA consistent with Section 53G-11-402.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board strike "or accompany" and strike "with" after travel.

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not permit an additional adult or guest to travel ~~with~~, lodge with, ~~or accompany~~ the team…….

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, and Kerry.

2 OPPOSED: Members Reale and Lear.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Davis.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board strike "permit" and replace it with "invite" and strike "and ongoing monitoring."

"(6)(a) A coach or designated school leader may not ~~permit~~ invite an additional adult or guest to travel ~~with~~, lodge with, ~~or accompany~~ the team or student group during a school-sponsored activity unless the individual has successfully passed a criminal background check and ~~ongoing monitoring~~ through the employing LEA consistent with Section 53G-11-402.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

2 ABSENT: Members Wood and Reale.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Lear that the Board postpone this item to June 5, 2026, Unfinished Business.

The motion carried.

9 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Longacre, Lear, Bollinger, Boggess, Green.

5 OPPOSED: Members Kerry, Hall, Earl, Brinton, and Hymas.

1 ABSENT: Member Davis.

R277-317, Incentives for National Board Certification (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-317, Incentives for National Board Certification, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

9 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Boothe, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

3 OPPOSED: Members Boggess, Green, and Kelley.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Earl.

2 ABSENT: Members Reale and Davis.

R277-328, Equal Opportunity in Education (Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-328, Equal Opportunity in Education, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Green that the Board continue and approve R277-328, Equal Opportunity in Education, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boothe reinstate lines 56-59 to be added on Line 78 after the words "least restrictive learning environment"

Line 78: developmental level, can benefit from the least restrictive learning environment, including:

(i) that a student with a disability is educated with peers without a disability to the maximum extent appropriate, consistent with IDEA; and
(ii) specially designed instruction is provided in addition to, not instead of, high-quality core instruction as consistent with IDEA;

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Green, Bollinger, and Hall.

2 OPPOSE: Members Brinton and Hymas.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Brinton and seconded by Member Lear that the Board reinstate all references to the word "equal" in Lines 2, 32, and 46.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Lear that the Board strike language in Lines 65-66 "relating to religious liberty, religious expression, and freedom of conscience"

(1) An LEA shall provide professional learning to educators and relevant staff regarding students' constitutionally protected rights ~~relating to religious liberty, religious expression, and freedom of conscience~~ in public schools.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Earl and

seconded by Member Brinton that the Board add the word “including” after “rights” and strike Line 67.

(1) An LEA shall provide professional learning to educators and relevant staff regarding students’ constitutionally protected rights including ~~relating to religious liberty, religious expression, and freedom of conscience~~ in public schools.

~~(2) The professional learning described in this subsection shall:~~

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, Davis.

4 OPPOSED: Member Wood, Reale, Lear, and Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board add the words “and statutorily” after “constitutionally”

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSED: Member Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Reale that the Board amend Line 69 to read: a) recognize that students do not forfeit constitutionally protected and unalienable rights to religious expression, religious exercise, and freedom from religious coercion while attending public schools.

The motion failed.

4 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, and Lear.

11 OPPOSED: Members Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, Davis, and Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear that the Board strike "religious coercion" and replace with "establishment of religion "

a) recognize that students do not forfeit constitutionally protected and unalienable rights to religious expression, religious exercise, and freedom from ~~religious coercion~~ while attending public schools.

The motion failed.

3 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, and Davis.

12 OPPOSED: Member Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, Wood, Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board move subsection (c) to the end of Section 2.

The motion carried.

14 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Davis, Green, Wood, Kerry.

1 OPPOSED: Member Reale.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion carried.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, Boggess, Green, Davis, Kerry, Wood.

2 OPPOSED: Members Lear and Reale**.**

Monthly Budget Report

Monthly Budget Report

In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education provides a report on the status of funds for its internal budgets.

Discretionary Funds Report

The Utah State Board of Education maintains a Discretionary Funds account. In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education is provided with the status of the funds.

Approval of Contingency Funds from the Discretionary Account for External UPPAC Investigators

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board approve the use of up to $250,000 in contingency funds to retain external UPPAC investigators for a period of one year or until the current case backlog has been resolved, whichever occurs first.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board use of up to $250,000 of the legal contingency funds and up to $100,000 of the contingency funds.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations - (Items duplicated from the May 8, 2026, meeting.)

CTE Audit Report

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board direct staff to:

1. Work to determine what updates need to be made to R277-911 Secondary Career and Technical Education, to address the audit.
2. Work with Utah System of Higher Education (USHE) to coordinate the work to address the audit.
3. Develop a stakeholder workgroup to provide recommendations and consider needs to address the audit.
4. Provide periodic updates to the Committee on the work to address the audit.
5. Improve alignment with workforce needs and consistency within CTE programs and reporting.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

1 OPPOSED: Member Boggess.

3 ABSENT: Members Lear, Kelley, and Green.

R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-705, Secondary School Completion and Diplomas, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

2 OPPOSE: Members Earl and Boggess.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

R277-326, Early Literacy Coaches (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-326, Early Literacy Coaches, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kelley.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

R277-923, American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan Pilot Programs (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board continue and approve R277-923, American Indian and Alaskan Native Education State Plan Pilot Programs, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSE: Member Boggess.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Parental Exclusion from State Assessments Form: 2026-2027

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board approve the Parental Exclusion from State Assessments forms, Draft 1.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

iSEE Science Outreach Organizations 4-year Program Report

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board accept the iSEE report and evaluation.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, and Hall.

1 OPPOSE: Member Boggess.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Secondary School Counselor to Student Ratio Report Approval

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board accept the 2025-2026 Secondary Counselor to Student Ratio report.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSE: Member Boggess.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations - (Items duplicated from the May 18, 2026, meeting.)

R277-917, Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program (New)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-917, Gold Medal Schools Pilot Program, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Bollinger, Kerry, and Hall.

1 OPPOSE: Member Boggess.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Davis.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

ACTION: R277-404, Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board continue and approve R277-404, Requirements for Assessments of Student Achievement, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Earl that the Board strike Lines 40-46.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Targeted Standards Review Secondary Social Studies

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board begin a targeted review for the elementary (K-6) social studies standards and a full review for the secondary (7-12) social studies standards.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

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The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

Consent Calendar

Member Boggess pulled the following Contracts for Approval items:

11.1 YouScience, LLC (formerly named Precision Exams),
11.2 Cambium Assessment Inc.,
11.3 Cambium Assessment Inc.,
11.4 Safe and Sound A Sandy Hook Initiative, Inc. dba Safe and Sound Schools,
11.6 Utah Education Policy Center,
11.7 EMS LINQ, LLC,
11.8 Qualtrics, LLC, and
11.9 Shmoop University, Inc.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approve the consent calendar, excluding the pulled items.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

Approval of Contracts/Agreements

MOTION was made to approve the contract for Contractor: Renaissance Learning, Inc.

The motion carried.

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

2 ABSENT: Members Green and Hall.

MOTION was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board approve 11.1 YouScience, LLC (formerly named Precision Exams), as presented.

The motion carried.

8 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Bollinger.

6 OPPOSED: Members Brinton, Hall, Reale, Boggess, Longacre, and Kerry.

2 ABSENT: Members Green.

MOTION was made by Member Bollinger and seconded that the Board consolidate

11.1.1 YouScience, LLC (formerly named Precision Exams),

11.1.2 Cambium Assessment Inc.,

11.1.3 Cambium Assessment Inc.,

~~11.4 Safe and Sound A Sandy Hook Initiative, Inc. dba Safe and Sound Schools,~~

11.1.6 Utah Education Policy Center,

11.1.7 EMS LINQ, LLC,

11.1.8 Qualtrics, LLC, and

11.1.9 Shmoop University, Inc.

The motion carried.

9 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Reale, Kerry, Brinton, Bollinger, Hymas, Wood, Davis, and Earl.

5 OPPOSED: Members Longacre, Boggess, Hall, Boothe, and Kelley.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Longacre to pull the contract from the list.

- 11.4 Safe and Sound A Sandy Hook Initiative, Inc. dba Safe and Sound Schools.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

2 ABSENT: Members Green and Brinton.

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approve the contract 11.1.4 Safe and Sound A Sandy Hook Initiative, Inc. dba Safe and Sound Schools.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board postpone this item until the June 5, 2026, Unfinished Business agenda item.

The motion carried.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Bollinger, Hall, Brinton, and Kerry.

2 OPPOSED: Members Lear and Wood.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

2027 General Session Legislative Preparation

Legislative Interim Committee Sunset Items

MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board send the three recommendations for code continuations to any committee for review:

- 53E-7-207(7)
- 53E-3-503(6)
- 53E-2-304(6)

The motion failed.

7 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Boggess, Hall, Brinton, and Kerry.

7 OPPOSED: Members Lear, Boothe, Wood, Davis, Reale, Bollinger, and Hymas.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board recommend the continuation of the following statutory provisions:

- 53E-7-207(7)
- 53E-3-503(6)

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Longacre, Boggess, Hall, Brinton, Lear, Boothe, Wood, Davis, Reale, and Bollinger.

2 OPPOSED: Members Kerry and Hymas.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Earl.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

MOTION was made by Member Reale and seconded by Member Lear that the Board recommend the continuation of the following statutory provisions:

- 53E-2-304(6)

The motion carried.

9 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Hymas, Bollinger, Brinton, Lear, and Wood.

4 OPPOSED: Members Boggess, Kerry, Longacre, and Hall.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Earl.

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boggess.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes were approved August 6, 2026.