



Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

Utah State Board of Education Board Meeting,
Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB),
USB E Work Session, and
Continued Business from the previous
meeting on May 7, 2026.
Time: 1:00 to 3:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on May 8, 2026. Chair Hymas presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, 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 Sarah Reale
First Vice-Chair Amanda Bollinger	Member Jennie Earl
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood	Member Joseph Kerry
Member Cole Kelley	Member Carol Lear
Member Erin Longacre	Member Emily Green
Member Cindy Davis	
Member Joann Brinton	
Member Rod Hall	

Members Absent

Member Christina Boggess
Member Randy Boothe

Executive Staff Present

Dr. Molly Hart, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others present

Angela Doan, Assistant Attorney General; Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Patton, Assistant Superintendent; David Goff, Dwight Overgaard, Cindy Andersen, Bethany Anderson, Barrett Johnson, Vicky Summers, Vanessa Barnes, Ben Rasmussen, Jerry Record, Alex Farrah, Stephanie Clancy, and Kathleen Carlisle.

Chair Hyman called the meeting to order at 1:04 PM.

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

Public Comment for Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB)

No comments were heard by the Board.

- 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

Monthly USDB Budget Update

USBE Assistant Superintendent of Operations Deborah Jacobson provided board members with a monthly USDB financial update.

USDB Committee Standing Committee Report/Recommendations – (Items duplicated from the April 7, 2026, meeting).

FY26 USDB School LAND Trust Plan Amendment

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the USDB FY26 amended School LAND Trust Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

FY27 USDB School LAND Trust Plan

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the USDB FY27 amended School LAND Trust Plan.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

LEA Specific Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the LEA Specific Licenses.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

8.24 Parents Review of Curriculum and Instructional Materials/Complaint Process Policy

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Parents Review of Curriculum and Instructional Materials Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

6.19 Student Search and Seizure

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Student Search and Seizure Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-800, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board continue and approve R277-800, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

General Session Legislation Review

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board create a working group as appointed by the Board Chair including up to seven Board Members, with USDB Standing Committee members having the first opportunity to volunteer to participate; a representative from DFCM; the USDB Superintendency; and an USDB Advisory Council member to discuss USDB capital facility needs and bring recommendations to the full Board in August.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes were approved on June 4, 2026.