



Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on September 3, 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

Member Randy Boothe

Executive Staff Present

Molly Hart, State Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others Present

Cammy Whitchurch, Lexi Cunningham, Brody Meier, Lisa Cluff, Aaron Brough, Jamie Workman, Royce Van Tassel, Bethany Marker, Dakota Cambruzzi, Malia Hite, Aaron Wilson, Amy Hunt, Andrea Curtin, Angela Doan, Anteny Sor, Ben Rasmussen, Caleb Kersenbrock, Cammy Wilcox, Carson Miller, Cheri Rieben, Connor Felix, Daniel Johnson, Darin Tinney, David Lowery, David To, David Vasquez, Davon Booth, Debbie Davis, Deborah Jacobson, Elisse Newey, Greg Connell, Hannah Ferris, Jared Felt, Jennifer Wadsworth, Jerry Record, Kellie Brimhall, Kelsey James, Leslie Means, Lora Cooper, Mark Ramil, Matt Ferris, Patrick Hawkins, Ryan Bartlett, Spencer Barr, Vanessa Hatton, Young Le, and Deborah Jacobsen.

Opening Business

Chair Hymas called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM. Member Bollinger led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member Message

Member Erin Longacre shared the monthly message.

Employee Recognition

Superintendent Hart announced the Employee of the Month: Max Lang.

Education Highlight

2026 Utah Principals of the Year include:

2026 Principal and Administrator Honorees

- Kari Breeding (Hooper Elementary, Weber School District) – [Utah Association of Elementary School Principals \(UAESP\)](#) Elementary Principal of the Year.
- Mike Martini (West Field High School, Weber School District) – Utah Association of Secondary School Principals (UASSP) High School Principal of the Year.
- Jeff Ericksen (North Sanpete Middle School) – Middle Level Principal of the Year.
- Stacey Peterson – Utah Rural Schools Association (URSA) Principal of the Year.
- Jordan Warner (Saratoga Shores Elementary) – UAESP Assistant Principal of the Year.

Acknowledgement of Student Artwork

The USBE was excited to share artwork from the Utah State University BTS Arts region. This artwork highlights math and visual arts in a collaborative art piece. It comes from Box Elder School District.

Public Comment for USBE

The Board heard from Renee Pinkney, Greg Borough, Cammy Whitchurch, Logan Toone, and Stacey Hutchings.

- 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

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

Amendment to Master Data Sharing Agreement with Utah Education Policy Center (USBE210089MA Amd. 2)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve the second amendment to the master data sharing agreement with the Utah Education Policy Center (USBE210089MA Amd. 2).

The motion carried.

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

3 OPPOSED: Members Boggess, Kelley, and Green.

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board amend Line 164 to read as follows: “(a) Vision - cultivating an [~~innovative, student-centered~~] vision and mission centered on student learning that empowers learners through strategic planning and transformative educational skills grounded in effective practices.”

MOTION TO AMEND by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hall that the Board strike “transformative”

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Hall, and Kerry.

4 OPPOSED: Members Bollinger, Lear, Hymas, and Reale.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear to amend the amendment: Insert “including innovation” at the end of previous motion.

The motion carried.

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

7 OPPOSED: Members Boggess, Green, Hymas, Brinton, Hall, Kelley, and Kerry.

FINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED

That the Board amend Line 164 to read as follows: “(a) Vision - cultivating a [~~n~~ innovative,

~~student-centered~~] vision and mission centered on student learning that empowers learners through strategic planning and ~~[transformative]~~ educational skills grounded in effective practices, including innovation."

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Green, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

4 OPPOSED: Member Boggess, Hymas, Brinton, and Lear.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board amend Line 172 to read as follows: "(c) Culture and Climate - establishing and maintaining a positive [climate that fosters inclusivity for students, staff, and community to ensure all individuals have a sense of belonging, are valued, and are safe] culture that ensures a physically safe environment, meaningful participation, and authentic connections within the school system by students, family, and staff members.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board strike "meaningful."

The motion failed.

4 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Green, Boggess, and Bollinger.

11 OPPOSED: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Brinton, Hall, and Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Reale that the Board amend the motion to read "that ensures a physically, academically, and emotionally safe environment." And replace "by" with "that includes"

The motion failed.

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

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

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board postpone Items R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards (Amendment) and R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs (Amendment)

The motion carried.

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

3 OPPOSED: Members Boggess, Green, and Kelley.

R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

This item was postponed to September 4, 2026, board meeting Unfinished Business agenda item.

R277-106, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Appointment (Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue R277-106, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Appointment, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

R277-116, Audit Procedure (Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-116, Audit Procedure, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

R277-323, Public Educator Evaluation (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve R277-323, Public Educator Evaluation, Draft 1, 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 OPPOSED: Members Boggess and Green.

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications (Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

Approval of ParaPathways

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve the ParaPathways assessment from ETS for qualification of paraprofessionals and adopt ETS's recommended passing scores for reading and writing and mathematics.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

School Safety Dashboard

MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve the legally required data elements from the proposed school safety dashboard, Version 2.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve the legally required data elements from the proposed school safety dashboard, Version 2, and move forward all legally required data elements to the full board and send all recommended data elements to the next Administration and Transparency Task Force

meeting (9/16/2026) for review and discussion and to send their recommendations to the full board.

MOTION TO DIVIDE was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kelley.

No opposition – The motion was divided.

FIRST DIVIDED MOTION

That the Board approve the legally required data elements from the proposed school safety dashboard, Version 2.

The motion carried.

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

2 OPPOSED: Members Boggess and Green.

SECOND DIVIDED MOTION

That the Board move forward all legally required data elements to the full board and send all recommended data elements to the next Administration and Transparency Task Force meeting (9/16/2026) for review and discussion and to send their recommendations to the full board.

The motion carried.

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

3 OPPOSED: Members Brinton, Boggess and Green.

Finance Committee Report/Recommendations - (Items duplicated from the August 7, 2026, meeting.)

R277-113, Local Education Agency (LEA) Fiscal and Auditing Policies (Continuation & Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue and approve R277-113, Local Education Agency (LEA) Fiscal and Auditing Policies, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Green.

R277-109, Legislative Reporting and Accountability (Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue R277-109, Legislative Reporting and Accountability, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Green.

R277-712, Personalized, Competency-based Learning Grant Programs (Continuation & Repeal)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue R277-712, Personalized, Competency-based Learning Grant Programs, through the September end date.

The motion carried.

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

2 OPPOSED: Members Green and Boggess.

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board repeal R277-712, Personalized, Competency-based Learning Grant Programs, after the September end date, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

R277-720, Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Competency-Schools
(Continuation & Repeal)

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board continue R277-720, Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Competency-Schools, through the September end date.

The motion carried.

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

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board repeal R277-720, Reimbursement Program for Early Graduation from Competency-Schools, after the September end date, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

14 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas,

Green, Hall, Brinton, Boggess, and Bollinger.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

Early Literacy Research Study

MOTION was made by Member Davis that the Board approve funding the Early Literacy Research Study, using Federal Mineral Lease funds from their discretionary account, at the expansion level of \$397,200.

Dr. Rachel Schechter answered questions from the board members.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSED: Members Boggess

1 ABSTAINED: Member Green.

Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations - (Items duplicated from the August 7, 2026, meeting.)

Board Review of Appeals on LEA Sensitive Materials Decisions

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board find the LEA did not follow the proper procedure in placing the item on the Consent agenda and that it be returned to the LEA to place the item on a LEA Board agenda as its own item for consideration.

The motion failed.

7 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Bollinger, Boothe, and Green,

8 OPPOSED: Members Davis, Boggess, Kerry, Hall, Wood, Kelley, Earl, and Brinton.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board find that Davis District lacked clarity in its process due to definitions of “routine” and “controversial” in Roberts Rules of Order, and that it be returned to the LEA to place the item on the LEA’s board agenda for its own consideration while the district clarifies its rationale and policy.

The motion failed.

6 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Earl, Longacre, Davis, Boothe, and Boggess.

9 OPPOSED: Members Hymas, Reale, Kelley, Lear, Hymas, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board add the following to the above motion: did not follow proper procedure due to a technical violation. The LEA

The motion failed.

6 IN FAVOR: Members Wood, Kelley, Davis, Earl, Boggess, and Hall.

9 OPPOSED: Members Hymas, Brinton, Green, Bollinger, Longacre, Kerry, Boothe, Reale, and Lear.

R277-117, Utah State Board of Education Ethics Amendments (New)

MOTION, AS AMENDED was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-117, Utah State Board of Education Ethics Amendments, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion carried.

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

3 OPPOSED: Members Lear, Boggess, and Green.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Hall that the Board insert the following section after Line 69:

R277-117-6. Conflict of Interest.

(1) The following concerns shall constitute a conflict of interest for a member appointed to the commission under Section R277-117-5:

- (a) The member is a former Board member who actively campaigned against a member facing allegations before the commission;
- (b) The member publicly endorsed, materially supported, or actively campaigned against a member facing allegations before the commission;
- (c) The individual is an LEA superintendent, charter school director, or equivalent chief administrator who:
 - (i) is employed or was employed by an LEA located within the district of a member facing allegations before the commission; or
 - (ii) Currently resides within the district of a member facing allegations before the commission.

(2) A member with a conflict of interest shall recuse themselves from participation in the matter before the commission.

The motion carried.

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

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

2 ABSTAINED: Members Hymas and Davis.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board insert after Line 9, "Section 53E-3-1303, which requires the Board to appoint members to an independent ethics commission."

The motion passed unanimously.

15 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Longacre, Lear,

Hymas, Green, Hall, Brinton, Boggess, Kerry, and Bollinger.

MOTION, AS AMENDED was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board That the Board add after Line 62 “two members of the public.”

The motion failed.

5 IN FAVOR: Members Boggess, Green, Kelley, Hall and Earl.

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

2 ABSTAINED: Members Kerry and Brinton.

R277-631, Student Toilet Training Requirements (Amendment)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-631, Student Toilet Training Requirements, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-633, Dyslexia Screener (New)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-633, Dyslexia Screener, 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 OPPOSED: Member Boggess.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Green.

R277-914, Career and Technical Student Organizations (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board continue R277-914, Career and Technical Student Organizations, 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.

2 OPPOSED: Members Boggess and Green.

R277-727, School Meal Programs (Amendment)

MOTION, AS AMENDED, was made by Member Earl that the Board approve R277-727, School Meal Programs, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION TO POSTPONE: with no board member objection the item was postponed to after the lunch break.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Lear that the Board amend Lines 57 and 58 to read “shall monitor LEA participation and reimbursement requests pursuant to federal law.”

The motion passed unanimously.

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

General Financial Literacy Standards Update

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board release the General Financial Literacy standards, Draft 1, for a 30-day public comment period.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

R277-702, Procedures for the Utah High School Completion Diploma (Amendment & Continuation)

MOTION was made by Member Earl that the Board continue and approve R277-702, Procedures for the High School Completion Diploma, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

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.

General Session Legislative Preparation

Data Retention Study

MOTION was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board receive the Data Retention Study report and send the report to the legislature.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Requests for Statutory Changes

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board direct staff to work with a legislator to remove the educator evaluation system provisions (53E-5-501) from code.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board direct staff to work with the legislature to consider giving LEAs legal and financial immunity for the portions of the school fees code, 53G-7-504, that conflict with the permanent injunction, as they seek consistency.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Earl.

MOTION was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board direct staff to prepare a policy request to repeal Utah Code Subsection 53E-6-604(6).

The motion carried.

8 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Longacre, Lear, Brinton, and Bollinger.

7 OPPOSED: Members Earl, Kerry, Kelley, Hymas, Boggess, Hall, and Green.

Draft Legislative Funding Requests for the 2027 General Session

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board change our special education funding request to add 1 WPU instead of 1.5 WPUs per special education self-contained WPU and then shorten the phase in from 10 years to 5 years.

For fiscal year 2028, request a decrease of new income tax revenue going to the PEESRA from 15% to 12% and utilize those savings to fund year 1 of the funding request (aprox. \$12 million) for special education self-contained WPU and start a cost differential special education study over the next year, with \$200,000 set aside from the FML fund for that study.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

1 ABSENT: Member Davis.

MOTION was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board move the early literacy funding request forward to the Board ranking vote.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSED: Member Boggess.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Green.

1 ABSENT: Member Kelley.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member that the Board strike “Board ranking vote” and replace with “staff.”

The motion failed.

3 IN FAVOR: Members Boggess, Green, and Brinton

11 OPPOSED: Members Davis, Earl, Reale, Wood, Boothe, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

1 ABSENT: Member Kelley.

MOTION was made by Member Hall and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board move forward the Internal Audit Hotline FTE and the IT Budget Increase to the Board ranking vote.

The motion carried.

10 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Kerry, Brinton, Green, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Davis, Earl, and Hall.

4 OPPOSED: Members Bollinger, Lear, Longacre, and Boothe.

1 ABSENT: Member Kelley.

MOTION TO DIVIDE was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Lear.

The motion failed.

6 IN FAVOR: Members Boothe, Longacre, Davis, Bollinger, Lear, and Wood.

8 OPPOSED: Members Kerry, Boggess, Green, Hymas, Brinton, Hall, Earl, and Kelley.

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board continue item 9.2. Requests for Statutory Changes and 9.3. Draft Legislative Funding Requests for the 2027 General Session in the September 4, Unfinished Business agenda item.

Without objection the Board postponed the two agenda items to the following meeting.

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

The motion was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boothe 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 the voice vote of Members Lear, Reale, Boggess, Boothe, Kerry, Wood, Lear, Brinton, Earl, Green, Longacre, Hymas, Davis, Kelley, and Bollinger, the Board entered a closed session at 3:55 PM.

The following individuals were also present: Molly Hart, Scott Jones, Leah Voorhies, Cybil Prideaux, Kelsey James, Lora Cooper, Angela Doan, Mark Ahrens, Rusty Facer, Andrew Teagle Tosolini, and Ben Rasmussen.

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

Upon voice votes of Members Lear, Reale, Boggess, Boothe, Kerry, Wood, Lear, Brinton, Earl, Green, Longacre, Hymas, Davis, Kelley, and Bollinger, the Board came out of the executive session at 6:08 PM.

Executive Session Action Items

Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve the consent calendar minus Case No. EH-63.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

UPPAC Cases for Review/Action

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board the Report of the UPPAC Hearing Panel on the request for license reinstatement dated July 29, 2026, and accept that the educator not be allowed reinstatement before January 3, 2027, in Case No. 23-1950.

The motion carried.

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

5 OPPOSE: Members Earl, Green, Brinton, Davis and Kelley.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the Report of the UPPAC Hearing Panel on the request for license reinstatement dated July 29, 2026, and that the educator's license not be reinstated for six (6) months in Case No. 24-2070.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings of the Consent to Discipline document dated July 23, 2026, and accept the UPPAC recommendation that the educator's license be suspended for not less than six (6) months in Case No. 25-2191.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSE: Member Kerry.

1 ABSTAIN: Member Hymas.

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings in the Consent to Discipline document dated June 26, 2026, and accept the

UPPAC recommendation that the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license was originally flagged in Case No. 25-2217. (March 14, 2025).

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings in the Consent to Discipline document dated August 21, 2026, and accept the UPPAC recommendation that the educator receive a reprimand for not less than two (2) years from the date the educator's license was originally flagged in Case No. 25-2278. (August 1, 2025).

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt the entire findings in the UPPAC Expedited Hearing Report dated June 12, 2026, and that the educator receive a Letter of Warning in Case No. 26-EH35.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board bring Case No. 25-2338 back to the October board meeting.

MOTION was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Brinton that the Board dismiss Case No. 25-2338.

The motion carried.

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

5 OPPOSE: Members Davis, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, and Green.

Committee Appointments

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board appoint the following individuals to the Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (APPAC) for a four-year term:

At-large member with assessment expertise (1)

- Brooke Anderson- Data Scientist, Jordan School District

The motion passed unanimously.

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

Member who is a charter school administrator (1)

- Ryan Hagge- Principal, American Academy of Innovation

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board appoint the following individuals to the Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Leadership:

- Joni Andrews, teacher with disabilities for a 3-year term
- Lisa Davenport, administrator of programs for students with disabilities, reappointed for a 3-year term

The motion passed unanimously.

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

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board appoint Amelia Swenson-Pruss to fill the district 8 position on the Student Advisory Council.

The motion carried.

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

1 OPPOSED: Member Boggess.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:18 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes were approved on October 1, 2026.

