

**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (USBE)**  
**STUDY SESSION AND LEGISLATIVE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**

January 20, 2022  
12:00 to 2:00 pm.

A Study Session and Legislative meeting of the Utah State Board of Education (USBE) was held on January 20, 2022. First Vice-Chair Laura Belnap presided. The meeting was held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic while the meeting was streamed live to the public.

**Members Present**

First Vice Chair Laura Belnap  
Second Vice-Chair Cindy Davis  
Member Randy Boothe  
Member Janet A. Cannon  
Member Natalie Cline  
Member Jennie Earl  
Member Scott L. Hansen

Member Molly Hart  
Member Matt Hymas  
Member Carol Barlow Lear  
Member James Moss Jr.  
Member Kristan Norton  
Member Brent Strate  
Member Stacey Hutchings

**Members Absent**

Chair Mark Huntsman  
Member Brent Strate was absent during the study session.

**Executive Staff Present**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

**Minutes taken by:**

Cybil Child, Board Secretary

**Others Present**

Bryan Quesenberry, Ashley Bieh, Deborah Jacobson, Leah Voorhies, Jeffrey Van Hulten, Max Lang, Debbie Davis, Kevin John, Ben Rasmussen, Jerry Record, Leslie Evans, Tracy Vandeventer, Kathy Helgesen, Matt Ferris Zac Christensen Michelle Martin, Cyndee Carter, Jared Felt, Sam Urie, Jennifer Thronsen, Katie Fairchild, David Sallay – USBE Staff.

## **Opening Business**

Vice-Chair Laura Belnap called the meeting to order at 10:02 am. She read the following statement: *As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting is being held electronically without an anchor location to reduce health and safety risks from COVID-19 by limiting in-person meetings.*

## **Study Session**

### Internal Control Systems

Utah State Board of Education (USBE) Debbie Davis, Chief Audit Executive, and Kevin John, Deputy Audit Executive, presented information on Internal Control Systems.

The Utah State Board of Education is required by federal (2 CFR 200.303) and state (FIACCT 20-00-01) regulations to have an internal control system that provides reasonable assurance of achievement of objectives. The Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) and Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government (The Green Book, the government adaptation of COSO) are cited by regulations as best practice guidance for internal control system development and maintenance.

## **Program License Renewal**

### Cohesity License

Matt Ferris, Information Technology Assistant Director, answered questions about the request to renew the Cohesity license. This software renewal and maintenance cover USBE on-premise and off-site data storage platforms.

**MOTION** was made by Member Cannon and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approves the one-year license renewal for the Cohesity software.

Motion passed unanimously.

## **Board Rule Waivers**

### Waiver of Board Rule R277-406

USBE staff Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of Student Learning, Cydnee Carter, Assessment Coordinator, and Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, presented the

waiver requests. The need has arisen very suddenly due to the dramatic increase in COVID-induced disruptions to our schools and their instructional services. The deadlines to be waived are the January 31 and last day of February deadlines in Board Rule Subsections R277-406-3(1)(b) and (3)(b).

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear that the Board waive the deadlines in R277-406-3(1)(b) and (3)(b) for a school to administer the second benchmark reading and math assessments by the deadlines established in those Subsections and requests that the Superintendent determines the testing and reporting deadlines for the second benchmark assessments for the 2021-22 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### Start Smart Breakfast Program Waiver

Jeff Van Hulten, Policy Advisor, presented the waiver request from the program.

**MOTION** was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Hart that the Board approves the statewide waiver of the Start Smart Utah Program requirements for the 2021-2022 school year.

Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Review of Legislation**

##### Legislator Review of Bills

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings presented the current list of bills as of January 20, 2022.

##### Legislative Policy Requests Update - School Turnaround Program Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings and Tracy Vandeventer, Director of Utah Center for Continuous School Improvement, presented requests for changes to legislation, including an update on the School Turnaround Program legislation.

### 2022 General Session Legislation

Deputy Superintendent Angie Stallings and Jeffrey Van Hulten, Public Affairs Director, reviewed bills with the Board, as written on January 20, 2022.

### **Budget Priorities**

#### 2022 Legislative Session Funding Priorities

Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones reviewed the Board's process to identify its budget priorities for the 2022 Legislative Session.

### **Board Position on Legislation**

Deputy Superintendent Stallings led a discussion about the Board considering its support of legislation or recommendations to bill sponsors for amendments.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 2:02 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary  
Minutes approved February 3, 2022.