UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY
Policy Number: 4002
Policy Name: Advisory Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind
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The Utah State Board of Education (the Board) hereby establishes the Advisory Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (the Advisory Council).

1. The purpose of the Advisory Council The purpose of the council is to:
    a. discuss and make recommendations to the USDB Superintendency and the Board regarding the needs of deaf, blind, and deaf-blind students;
    b. provide feedback to the Board from their areas of expertise;
    c. provide recommendations to the Board on use of enrichment funds and donated funds; and
    d. serve as the School Community Council for the USDB.

2. Meetings
    a. The Advisory Council shall meet up to ten times per year at the call of the USDB Superintendent.
    b. The Advisory Council may solicit public input, but is not subject to Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
    c. The Advisory Council shall conduct committee business in accordance with bylaws adopted by the Board, which shall include:
        i. nominating procedures for Advisory Council members;
        ii. dismissal procedures for Advisory Council members;
        iii. ethical standards; and procedures for operations.

3. Staff
    The USDB Superintendency shall serve as staff to the Advisory Council and shall:
    a. provide clerical support to facilitate meeting logistics, prepare meeting

agendas and minutes, and assist with required written communication to the Board;

b. send a copy of each Advisory Council agenda to the Board at least three days before the Advisory Council meeting; and
c. prepare a one-two page summary of each Advisory Council meeting and send the summary with Advisory Council recommendations to the Board by e-mail.

4. Membership
    a. The Advisory Council shall be comprised of the following members:
        i. Up to 11 voting members, including at a minimum:
            A. two members who are blind;
            B. two members who are deaf;
            C. two members who are deaf-blind or parents of a child who is deaf-blind;
            D. two members who have children receiving USDB outreach services;
            E. one parent of a child who is blind; and
            F. one parent of a child who is deaf;
        ii. 1 non-voting member from the Board, appointed by the Board chair.
    b. The Board may appoint other members who have an interest in and knowledge of the needs and education of students who are deaf, blind, and deaf-blind.
    c. The board may appoint members, representing each campus program, to serve as subcommittee members with a specific focus on developing the School Land Trust Plan and supporting the Advisory Council in their capacity as the School Community Council for the USDB.
        i. Up to 8 non-voting members, that have children enrolled in any of the USDB campus programs, including at a minimum:
        A. Two parents of a child who is blind
        B. Three parents of a child who is deaf

C. One parent of a child who is deaf-blind

d. Members shall be appointed to serve two-year terms and may serve up to three terms.

e. Notwithstanding, Subsection (c), Advisory Council members serve at the pleasure of the Board.

5. Applicability of Board Policies

a. This policy is subject to Policy 1004 – Advisory Groups.