



## UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) and  
USBE Study Session

May 5, 2023  
1:00 pm to 3:30 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on May 5, 2023. As Utah Code 52-4 authorized, this meeting was held electronically with an anchor location at 250 E 500 S, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. Chair Moss presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

### Members Present

Chair James Moss	Member Randy Boothe
First Vice Chair Molly Hart	Member Joseph Kerry
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Matt Hymas
Member Christina Boggess	Member Sarah Reale
Member Natalie Cline	Member Brent J. Strate
Member LeAnn Wood	

### Members Absent

Member Emily Green  
Member Kristin Norton  
Member Carol Barlow Lear

### Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Leah Voorhies, Assistant Superintendent  
Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent  
Kelsey James, Board's Communications Coordinator

**Minutes were taken by:**  
Cybil Child, Board Secretary

### Others Present

USDB Carl Empey, Joel Coleman, Susan Patten, Dr. Michelle Tanner, ASL Interpreter Michelle Draper, ASL Interpreter Emily Longshore, Deborah Jacobson, Bryan



Quesenberry, Ashley Biehl, Darin Nielsen, Alex Farah, Jerry Record, and Leah Voorhies.

### **Opening Business**

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 1:03 pm.

### **USDB Board Meeting**

#### **USDB FY24 Overall Budget Review & Approval**

**MOTION** was made by Member Hart and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board review and approve the USDB FY24 Overall budget.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Moss, "subject to any subsequent amendments or changes."

The motion to amend failed with Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Hymas, and Moss in favor and Members Davis, Earl, Hart, Kerry, Strate, and Wood opposed. Members Green, Lear, and Norton were absent. Member Reale abstained.

The final motion carried with Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor.

#### **FY24 Enrichment Fund Projects**

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approves the FY24 Enrichment Fund project list.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor and Members Green, Lear, and Norton absent.

#### **FY24 Carry Forward Projects**

**MOTION** was made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Earl that the Board approves the FY24 Carry Forward project list.



**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Wood that the Board approves the increase of funds for the A SLCo - Millcreek Portable Move to SLCo Campus + Connections 6/1/2023 from \$120,000.00 to \$160,000.

The motion to amend carried with Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss in favor and Members Boggess and Cline opposed. Members Green, Lear, and Norton were absent.

#### FY23 Monthly Budget Update as of March 31, 2023

USDB Finance Director Carl Empey provided the USBE members with an FY23 monthly update as of March 31, 2023.

#### Utah Schools of the Blind (USB) Early Childhood Division

Susan Patten, Associate Superintendent of the Blind, provided an overview of the USB Early Childhood Division.

#### Video presentation on an Enrichment trip to India

Michelle Tanner, Associate Superintendent of the Deaf, shared a video presentation on an Enrichment trip to India and spoke about the great opportunity it presented for the students.

#### Presentation video on the recent Enrichment trip to Philadelphia.

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#### **USDB Adjournment**

The USDB meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.



Following the USDB meeting, the Board proceeded with the USBE Study Session.

### **Opening Business**

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at began at 2:54 pm.

### **Members Present**

Chair James Moss  
Member Brent J. Strate  
First Vice Chair Molly Hart  
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl  
Member LeAnn Wood  
Member Christina Boggess  
Member Natalie Cline  
Member Randy Boothe  
Member Matt Hymas  
Member Sarah Reale  
Member LeAnn Wood  
Member Joseph Kerry

### **Members Absent**

Member Emily Green  
Member Kristin Norton  
Member Carol Barlow Lear

### **Study Session**

INFORMATION: Strategic Plan Review and Revision

Purpose of Today's Session:

Set the stage and create a framework for Board to Move forward on updating USBE strategic plan.

Purpose of a Strategic Plan:

- Unites Board around proactive efforts by orienting policy toward outcomes
- Prioritizes Resources
- Focuses on the work of the agency

Board members shared their initial feedback, which was your thoughtful and candid insights on the future of education in Utah over the next five years. Their written



input from the April and May meetings has been captured in a separate document. The Board will address the issues raised by Board members as they move through the strategic planning process.

In preparation for the May board meeting study session, they will examine the USBE vision and mission. They will discuss the mission's and vision's purpose and how they relate to the Strategic Plan (slides nos. 9-11). They will also review the Office of Legislator General's Audit on USBE Internal Governance (attached), especially pages 13-20, which relate to USBE's mission and vision, and pages 21-22, which address the alignment of measures of success with the goals and strategies outlined in the Strategic Plan.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Cybil Child, Board Secretary  
The minutes were approved on June 1, 2023.