



UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES

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

October 6, 2023
1:00 pm to 5:30 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held a state board meeting electronically on October 6, 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
First Vice Chair Molly Hart
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl
Member Christina Boggess
Member Natalie Cline
Member LeAnn Wood

Member Randy Boothe
Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Kristin Norton
Member Emily Green
Member Brent J. Strate

Members Absent

Member Matt Hymas
Member Sarah Reale
Member Joseph Kerry

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 Prideaux, Board Secretary

Others Present

USDB Carl Empey, Joel Coleman, Dr. Michelle Tanner, ASL Interpreter Cindy,
ASL Interpreter Emily Longshore, Deborah Jacobson, Ellise Newey, Michelle Beus,



Darin Nielsen, Adam Herd, Alex Farah, Vicki Summers, Jerry Record, Todd, Call, Jay Blain, Ashley Biehl, Quinn Kelly, Michelle Watts, Cory Kanth, Sam Urie, Katie Hill, Davina Sauthoff, Jamie Workman, Julie Lundell, and Leah Voorhies.

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

USDB Board Meeting

FY24 TSSA Plan

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board review and approval of the FY24 TSSA Plan.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed. Members Hymas, Reale, and Kerry were absent.

USDB Adjournment

The USDB meeting adjourned at 2:22 p.m.

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

Opening Business

Chair Moss called the meeting to order and began at 2:22 p.m.

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 Sarah Reale
Member LeAnn Wood



Member Emily Green
Member Kristin Norton
Member Carol Barlow Lear

Members Absent

Member Matt Hymas
Member Joseph Kerry

CONTINUATION OF THE UTAH STATE BOARD MEETING from October 5, 2023 - UNFINISHED BUSINESS

[2024 General Session Legislation Preparation](#)

Prioritization of Board Legislative Funding Requests

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Moss that the Board move #8 to #13 and move #9 to #12 up one on the funding request priority list for the 2024 legislative session.

The motion carried with Members Cline and Boggess opposed.

MOTION was made by Member and seconded by Member Green that the Board switch #9 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts funding request with the Grown Your Own funding request for the 2024 legislative session.

The motion carried with Member Hart opposed.

Requests for Statutory Changes

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board directs staff to work with legislators on potential amendments to the Utah Code as proposed, including option #1, Educator Evaluation.

1) Amend Section 53E-4-314(2) to remove the part of the code that requires the USBE to develop an assessment that aligns with the KEEP, which the USBE no longer



requires of LEAs.

2) Amend the Utah Code to ensure that required Legislative reports have due dates that are set after the data required for the report is collected and certified.

3) Amend provisions in Title 53G, Chapter 11, Part 5, to substantially remove or adjust the language from the Utah State Code regarding educator evaluations, including specific requirements of educator evaluations, with the intent that educator evaluations would be regulated through Board Rule.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Lear that the Board amend to select option #1 on Request #3 and keep 53G-11-510(2) in Code.

The motion carried with member Hart opposed and Member Cline abstained.

The motion, as amended, that the Board directs staff to work with legislators on the three potential policy requests to the Utah Code as proposed, including Option #1 of the Educator Evaluation policy request, but keep 53G-11-510(2) in the Code.

The motion carried with Member Cline opposed.

MOTION was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Lear that the Board directs staff to work with the Legislature to codify a requirement for the Board to establish an Oversight Framework in the Utah Code, including a framework of oversight categories that the state board may use to designate the level of oversight provided by the state board for certain public education programs and requirements.



MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Cline and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board postpone discussion of the Oversight Framework policy request to a future meeting.

The motion failed with Members Cline, Green, and Boggess in favor.

MOTION TO AMEND THE POSTPONE was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Cline that the Board postpone the discussion of the Oversight Framework policy request to the November board meeting.

The motion failed with Members Cline, Green, and Boggess in favor.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board amend the motion to strike the words “~~to work with the Legislature to codify a requirement~~” and “~~in Utah Code~~” and replace them with “to develop and discuss with the Legislature, the Board establishing”

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board directs staff to work with the Legislature to codify the following in Utah Code: “The Board shall establish an Oversight Framework, including a framework of oversight categories that the state board may use to designate the level of oversight provided by the state board for certain public education programs and requirements.”

The motion carried with Members Green, Boggess, and Cline opposed.



Superintendent's Report

Employee Recognition

Superintendent Dickson introduced the Employee of the Month, Sydney Brown.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Dickson highlighted the early learning statistics in Utah, which strives to achieve that each student starts strong through early grades with a foundation in literacy and numeracy.

- 1500 administrators are participating in LETRS (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling).
- 8000 teachers have completed LETRS
- 314 new full-day kindergarten classes.
- 46% of kindergartners attended full-day, an increase of 12%

Monthly Budget Report

Deputy Superintendent of Operations Scott Jones presented the Board of Education's monthly budget report. In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education provided information on the status of funds for their internal budgets.

Discretionary Funds Report

Deputy Superintendent of Operations Scott Jones presented the Board of Education discretionary fund report. Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent, updated the Board on the FY2022 P-12 Discretionary Funds account. Per the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education is provided with the status of the funds.



General Consent Calendar

Member Cline pulled Consent Calendar Item 3.

MOTION was made by Member Hart and seconded by Member Moss that the Board approve the consent calendar, as amended.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Cline, and Green opposed.

13.1 ACTION: Contracts/Agreements for Approval

MOTION that the Board approves the monthly Consent Calendar.

13.2 INFORMATION: Contracts/Agreements for Review

13.3 ACTION: Approval of Meeting Minutes (**item pulled**)

ACTION: Approval of Meeting Minutes

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Strate that the Board approve the meeting minutes, as presented.

The motion passed unanimously.

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

The motion was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hart that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of 1) discussing the purchase, exchange, or lease of real property; 2) discussing the character and professional competence or physical or mental health of individuals; and 3) strategy on pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Upon voice vote of Members Boggess, Boothe, Cline, Davis, Earl, Green, Hart, Lear, Moss, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood, the Board went into closed session at 4:53



PM. Members Hymas and Kerry were absent.

Upon voice vote of all Members, the Board went into closed session.

Those present included the above members: Sydnee Dickson, Cybil Prideaux, Ben Rasmussen, Michelle Beus, and Ashley Biehl.

Executive Session Action Items

MOTION was made by Member Boggess, seconded by Member Boothe, that the Board come out of executive session at 5:21 PM.

Motion carried.

Educator Licenses

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board approve the UPPAC consent calendar recommendations.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board approves the recommendation of UPPAC in cases:

- Case No. 22-1877
The motion passed unanimously.
- Case No. 22-1935
The motion passed unanimously.
- Case No. 23-2018
The motion passed unanimously.



MOTION TO ADJOURN

A motion was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Boggess.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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