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USBE Reelects Mark Huntsman as Chair for 2021 - 2022

Leadership team will also include Laura Belnap, Cindy Davis as vice chairs

SALT LAKE CITY— The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) elected Mark Huntsman to a fourth term as chair of the 15-member governing board.

Huntsman, first elected to the board in 2014, will serve a two-year term as chair and be joined by Laura Belnap and Cindy Davis as vice chairs. The leadership terms begin in 2021. Board members elect leadership biennially using a preferential voting method and have the option of creating one, two, or three vice chair seats.

Huntsman, of Fillmore, is president of Sunrise Engineering, Inc., a nationally recognized engineering firm. He previously served eight years on the Millard School District Board. Huntsman represents District 14, which includes much of central and southeast Utah. He also co-operates a ranch near his home.

Bountiful resident Laura Belnap was elected as first vice chair. She is director of Utah Online Schools and is a former member of the Utah Board of Regents and serves on the Board of Trustees of the Utah High School Activities Association. She was first appointed to the board in 2010 and won elections in 2014 and 2018. Belnap represents District 5, an area that covers all but some northern portions of Davis County and part of northwestern Salt Lake County.

Davis of American Fork was elected second vice chair. First elected in 2018, she is an adjunct professor of education at Utah Valley University supervising student teachers and interns who are

launching their teaching careers in multiple school districts. She is also a member of the Kennedy Center International Area Studies Advisory Board at Brigham Young University.

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