

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

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

January 12, 2024
1:00 pm to 4:36 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held an electronic state board meeting on January 12, 2024. 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. Vice-chair Earl and 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 Carol Barlow Lear
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Kristin Norton
Member Christina Boggess	Member Emily Green
Member Natalie Cline	Member Brent Strate
Member LeAnn Wood	Member Matt Hymas
Member Sarah Reale	Member Joseph Kerry
Member Cindy Davis	

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, Royce Van Tassel, Ellise Newey, Michelle Beus, Darin Nielsen, Adam Herd, Dwight Overgaard, Alex Farah, Vicki Summers, Jerry Record, and Leah Voorhies.

Opening Business

Vice-chair Earl called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

5. USDB Board Meeting – 1:00 to 2:00 PM

5.1. ACTION: Contract approval for Ogden campus tree ring project

MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hart that the Board approve the Ogden campus tree ring and landscape project.

The motion was carried with Members Hymas and Moss absent. Member Reale abstained.

5.2. INFORMATION: Monthly Budget Update as of November 30, 2023

5.3. INFORMATION: Interpreter Presentation

5.4. INFORMATION: Superintendent Report

USDB Adjournment

The USDB meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

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

Opening Business

Vice-chair Earl called the meeting to order, which began at 1:45 p.m.

Members Present

Chair James Moss

Member Randy Boothe

First Vice Chair Molly Hart

Member Carol Barlow Lear



Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl
Member Christina Boggess
Member Natalie Cline
Member LeAnn Wood
Member Sarah Reale
Member Cindy Davis

Member Kristin Norton
Member Emily Green
Member Brent J. Strate
Member Matt Hymas
Member Joseph Kerry

5. Study Session - 2:00 to 3:30 PM.

The meeting will be streamed to the public at <https://www.youtube.com/c/USBEMedia>.

5.1. ACTION: Digital Teaching and Learning (DTL) Program

MOTION was made by Member Norton that the Board advocates retaining DTL as a Related-to-Basic Program while maintaining the historical/existing funding model.

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

5.2. INFORMATION: 2024 General Legislative Session Overview

MOTION was made by Member Boothe and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board move BTS from No. 8 to No. 6

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board amend the motion to move to #6 and the "USBE internal needs" funding request to #5; Educator salary adjustment to #8; and RESA as #7

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



FINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED, that the Board move the funding priorities as follows on the funding request priority list for the 2024 legislative session:

- 1) USBE internal needs funding request to #5;
- 2) BTSA funding request from to #6;
- 3) Educator salary adjustment to #8; and
- 4) RESA as #7.

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

MOTION was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board add a School Safety funding request of \$45 million one-time as the #2 priority on the funding request priority list for the 2024 legislative session.

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

MOTION was made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board move the Supporting Teacher Development, Recruitment and Retention Through Teacher Leadership Tracks funding request to **\$4.8 million one-time** on the funding request priority list for the 2024 legislative session.

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



MOTION was made by Member Moss and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board add a Small Charter School Base Funding request of \$3.5 million one-time for a graduated formula for schools with fewer than 2000 students on the funding request list for the 2024 legislative session. (not prioritized in the top 10)

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

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board add a School Safety funding request of \$45 million one-time on the funding request list for the 2024 legislative session (not prioritized).

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

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

The Board secretary took the minutes.
The minutes are pending approval.