



**UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES**

February 8, 2024

Capitol Complex Senate  
Committee Room 210  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

A Utah State Board of Education legislative meeting was held on February 8, 2024. Vice Chair Earl presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the Utah State Capitol Complex Senate Committee Room 210 Salt Lake City, UT 84114. The public can hear the audio of the meeting through live YouTube streaming.

**Members Present:**

Chair James Moss	Member Matt Hymas
Vice Chair Molly Hart	Member Joseph Kerry (online)
Vice Chair Jennie Earl	Member Carol Lear
Member Christina Boggess	Member Kristan Norton
Member Randy Boothe	Member Brent Strate
Member Natalie Cline	Member LeAnn Wood
Member Cindy Davis	Member Sarah Reale
Member Emily Green (online)	

**Members Absent:**

Vice Chair Molly Hart  
Member Natalie Cline  
Member Emily Green

**Executive Staff Present:**

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent  
Kelsey James, Board's Communication Coordinator

**Minutes were taken by:**

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:**

Darin Nielson, Adam Herd, Vanessa Barnes, Michelle Beus, Jennifer Throndsen, Elisse Newey, Adam Prows, Hannah Peltier, Hugo R-B, Sam Urie, Dale Frost, Deborah Jacobson, Lexi Cunningham, Esme, Abel Huskinson, Katy Challis, Jennifer Reynolds, Michelle Martin, Royce Van Tassell, Marjorie Cortez, Sue Robbins, Laura Seitz, Darinne DeBrule, Tayler Jevers, Jay Blain, Todd Hauber, and Camille Kidson.

**1. Opening Business - 12:00 PM**

Vice Chair Earl called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. She welcomed the public and board members to the forum. She passed the gavel to Chair Moss at 12:11. He shared an overview of the legislative session and board members' participation protocol.

1.1. INFORMATION: Opening Business

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl to add 6 minutes to the agenda item 2. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Child Nutrition Program (CNP)**

2.1. ACTION: Summer Electronic Balance Transfer (EBT) new Child Nutrition Program

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board that the board direct staff to work with Workforce Services to ensure that families are adequately informed of the data sharing agreements in place with EBT programs.

The motion passed with Member Reale opposed.

**MOTION** was by Member Boothe and seconded by Member Strate that the Board approve the USBE Child Nutrition Program (CNP) participate in partnership with the Department of Workforce Services (DWS) on the new summer EBT program that became law on December 29, 2023, including a Data Sharing Agreement (DSA) and a Maintenance of Understanding (MOU) with DWS so that the EBT program is ready for implementation in the summer of 2024.

The motion carried with Members Boggess and Earl opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl to add 7 minutes to agenda item 3.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**3. Budget Priorities**

3.1. DISCUSSION: 2024 Legislative Session Funding Information and Priorities

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Sam Urie, School Finance Director, and Dale Frost, MSP Administrator, discussed the funding priorities. In accordance with the Budgetary Procedures and Money Management Acts, the Utah State Board of Education provides the legislature with funding requests/prioritizations for the current and next fiscal year.

**4. Review of Legislation**

4.1. INFORMATION: Legislator Review of Bills

4.2. DISCUSSION: Legislative Policy Request Update

4.3. DISCUSSION: 2024 General Session Legislation

**5. Action on Legislation/Budget**

5.1. POTENTIAL ACTION: Board Positions on Legislation

Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, reviewed bills and answered board members' questions.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board requests that the Legislature reinstate early literacy funding and that the Legislature not pass [H.B. 415](#) - School Fees Amendments (*Rep. Strong, M.A.*) unless funding is appropriated to support the fiscal implementations of HB 415.

**MOTION TO DIVIDE** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas.  
The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board requests that the Legislature reinstate early literacy funding.

The motion carried with Member Hymas opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board requests that the Legislature not pass [H.B. 415](#) -- **School Fees Amendments** (*Rep. Strong, M.A.*) unless funding is appropriated to support the fiscal implementations of H.B. 415.

The motion carried with Members Boggess, Earl, Kerry, and Moss opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Lear that the Board opposes:

- 1) SB 69, Income Tax Amendments;
- 2) SB 173, Market Informed Compensation for Teachers;
- 3) HB 183, Income Tax Reduction to; and
- 4) Line 22 (\$50. 5 million increases for the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program) on the PEA list.

**MOTION** was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board extend the agenda adjournment time from 1:30 p.m. to 1:39 p.m.

The motion carried with Member Earl opposed.

**MOTION TO DIVIDE** was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boggess.

The motion carried with Members Lear, Norton, Reale, and Strate opposed.

**MOTION** was made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Norton that the Board opposes:

- 1) SB 69, Income Tax Amendments; HB 183, Income Tax Reduction.

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

## **MOTIONS LEFT ON THE TABLE**

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- 2) SB 173, Market Informed Compensation for Teachers;

**MOTION** was made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Lear that the Board opposes:

- 3) Line 22 (\$50.5 million increase for the Utah Fits All Scholarship Program) on the PEA list.

## **6. Adjournment**

Member Kerry made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Cybil Prideaux, Board Executive Assistant  
Minutes were approved March 7, 2024.