

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES

USB E Study Session

March 8, 2024
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held an electronic state board meeting on March 8, 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 Brent Strate	Member Cindy Davis
Member LeAnn Wood	Member Matt Hymas
Member Sarah Reale	

Members Absent

Member Joseph Kerry
Member Natalie Cline

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

Ben Rasmussen, Michelle Beus, Jennifer Thronsen, Julie Clarke, Christine Elegante, Krista Hotelling, Molly Basham and Denice Mageden.

Opening Business

Vice-chair Earl called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Study Session

5.1. INFORMATION & ACTION: R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments (Amendment)

The USBE staff shared an overview of the benchmark assessments and recommended updating the rule to provide additional clarity to expectations surrounding literacy instruction in the early grades.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approve R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments, Draft 3, on the second and final reading.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Lear that the Board postpone to the April board meeting on R277-406, Draft 5.

The motion carried with Members Earl, Hart, Hymas, and Wood opposed. Members Boggess, Cline, and Kerry were absent.

Adjournment MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 p.m.

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