

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

[Governing Board for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind \(USDB\)](#),  
[Continued Business](#) from the previous meeting on April 4, 2024,  
and [USBE Study Session](#).

April 5, 2024  
1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

The Utah State Board of Education held an electronic state board meeting on April 5, 2024. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, 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
Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl	Member Carol Barlow Lear
Member Emily Green	Member Christina Boggess
Member Matt Hymas	Member Brent Strate
Member Cindy Davis	Member LeAnn Wood
Member Sarah Reale	

**Members Absent**

Member Joseph Kerry  
Member Natalie Cline  
First Vice Chair Molly Hart  
Member Kristin Norton

**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, ASL Interpreter Cindy, ASL Interpreter Emily Longshore, Sarah Erb, Deborah Jacobson, Sarah Young, Ellise Newey, Michelle Beus, Darin Nielsen, Adam Herd, Dwight Overgaard, Adam Prows, Ben Rasmussen, Alex Farah, Vicki Summers, Jerry Record, and Leah Voorhies.

**Opening Business**

Vice chair Earl called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

**Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Board Meeting** - The meeting was publicly streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/c/USBEMedia>.

5.1. INFORMATION: Public Comment

5.2. ACTION: Student Fee Policy & FY25 Proposed Fee Schedule

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approves USDB requests for review and approval from board members of the Fee Schedule Policy and the FY25 Fee Schedule.

The motion passed unanimously. Members Cline, Hart, Kerry, Norton, and Moss were absent.

5.3. INFORMATION: Monthly Budget Update as of February 29, 2024

5.4. INFORMATION: Deaf Parent Infant Program (PIP) Presentation

5.5. INFORMATION: Superintendent's Report

**USDB Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board adjourn the USDB meeting.

The USDB meeting adjourned at 1:36 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 1:42 p.m.

**Members Present**

Chair James Moss

Second Vice-Chair Jennie Earl

Member Randy Boothe

Member Carol Barlow Lear

Member Christina Boggess  
Member Brent J. Strate  
Member LeAnn Wood  
Member Sarah Reale

Member Emily Green  
Member Matt Hymas  
Member Cindy Davis  
Member Kristin Norton

### **Members Absent**

Member Joseph Kerry  
Member Natalie Cline  
First Vice Chair Molly Hart

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

The motion was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas 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, Davis, Earl, Green, Hymas, Lear, Moss, Reale, Strate, and Wood, the Board went into closed session at 1:42 PM. Members Cline, Hart, Kerry, and Norton were absent.

Upon a voice vote from all members, the board went into a closed session.

Those present included the above members: Sydnee Dickson, Cybil Prideaux, Kelsey James, Michelle Beus, Ben Rasmussen, Sarah Young, Angie Stallings, and Ashley Biehl.

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board comes out of executive session at 2:08 PM.

Motion carried.

### **Executive Session Action Items**

#### 1.1. ACTION: Educator Licenses

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approves the UPPAC consent calendar.

The motion passed unanimously. Members Cline, Hart, Kerry, and Wood were absent.

Member Norton joined the meeting.

**MOTION** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board approve the UPPAC recommendations for the following:

- Case No. 19-1599

The motion passed unanimously.

- Case No. 20-1766

The motion passed unanimously.

- Case No. 23-1960

The motion passed unanimously.

- Case No. 23-EH25

The motion passed unanimously.

#### 1.2. ACTION: Committee Appointments

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board appoints Local Board Member Ashley Anderson – Salt Lake City School District Board of Education, for a 4-year term to the Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (AAPAC).

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board appoints Claire Mair – Special Education Director, Wasatch County School District, for a 4-year term to the Assessment and Accountability Policy Advisory Committee (AAPAC) representing a member with expertise in working with special populations.

The motion passed unanimously. Member Strate abstained.

### **Study Session**

#### 5.1. DISCUSSION: 2024 Legislative Session Implementation Update

Shortly after the session each year, Staff meet as a team to review bills and determine next steps for implementation related to the Legislative Session, including determining staff leads for specific programs, anticipated Board rule changes, new reporting requirements, and new procurement and contract requirements. Staff will review the 2024 Legislative Session Implementation Summary and answer questions. Angie Stallings, JD, Deputy Superintendent of Policy lead the legislative session implementation update.

#### 5.2. DISCUSSION: Strategic Plan - Goals

### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded that the Board adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.  
The minutes are pending approval.