



CITY COUNCIL

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South Salt Lake City Council SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Pursuant to Order of Special Meeting signed by two members of the South Salt Lake City Council on February 15, 2024, notice is hereby given that the South Salt Lake City Council will hold a Special Meeting on **Wednesday, February 21, 2024**, in the City Council Chambers at 220 East Morris Avenue, commencing at 5:30 p.m.

To watch the meeting live click the link below to join:

<https://zoom.us/j/93438486912>

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Conducting: Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

Items for Discussion and Vote:

- 1. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council
Denouncing the Actions of State School Board Member
Natalie Cline.**

Posted February 16, 2024

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CITY OF SOUTH SALT LAKE
CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING

COUNCIL MEETING	Wednesday February 21, 2024 5:30 p.m.
CITY OFFICES	220 East Morris Avenue South Salt Lake, Utah 84115
PRESIDING:	Council Chair Sharla Bynum
CONDUCTING:	Council Chair Sharla Bynum

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT:

LeAnne Huff, Corey Thomas (via Zoom), Nick Mitchell (via Zoom),
Paul Sanchez, Clarissa Williams (via Zoom), and Natalie Pinkney

COUNCIL MEMBERS EXCUSED:

None

STAFF PRESENT:

Mayor Cherie Wood
Josh Collins, City Attorney
Danielle Croyle, Police Chief
Terry Addison, Fire Chief
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder
Sara Ramirez, Deputy City Recorder
Jessica Potter, Executive Assistant
Edward Lopez, Deputy Promise Director
Ryan Alvarez, Police Officer
Domoina Kendell, Deputy Promise Director
Carson Aprato, Police Officer

Items for Discussion and Vote:

1. A Resolution of the South Salt Lake City Council Denouncing the Actions of State School Board Member Natalie Cline.

Council Chair Bynum read through the Resolution and then opened the floor for the Council Members to speak and share any comments they had on the matter.

Council Member Williams voiced her support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. She spoke of her outrage when she heard that an elected official had abused their power to publicly talk about a child. She said that to ridicule one person's physical appearance or attributes is to also ridicule their family and ancestors. She also said that she finds it appalling that State School Board Member Cline's own children must be listening to all of this and are learning from the example that's being set by their parent.

Council Member Mitchell voiced his support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. He said that as a member of the LGBTQ community he was mortified when he first learned about this and couldn't believe that a member of the State School Board would do something like it. No child should ever be targeted in this manner, and he said that he only wishes they could do more other than just asking State School Board Member Cline to resign. He said that he wishes blessings and goodwill for the child.

Council Member Thomas voiced her support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. She said that she finds State School Board Cline's actions deplorable and offensive. She said that it's an embarrassment that an elected official can act in this manner and that there is not much that can be done to remove her from office. She called for reflection on the meaning of their positions as elected officials and how they should be conducting themselves in public and online.

Council Member Sanchez voiced his support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. He said that the decision by the State Legislature and Governor Cox to allow State School Board Member Cline to remain in her seat sets a dangerous precedent for all Utah students and the public. He then endorsed Sarah Montes, who is currently running for State House District 32, as a potential replacement for State School Board Member Cline.

Council Member Pinkney voiced her support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. She said that it is enraging and heartbreaking to have a representative feel that they can attack people based off their physical looks and gender. She also talked about Oklahoma student, Nex Benedict, who died this week after being the target of an altercation in their school bathroom due to their nonbinary status. She said that it's frustrating that they can only call for State School Board Member Cline's resignation and hopes that the Utah student's family pursues every legal option and that anyone who chooses to lead with racism, homophobia, transphobia, and sexism, doesn't deserve respect, employment, or to be elected.

Council Member Huff voiced her support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. She said that every child should feel safe in their community and be free from bullying behavior, especially from elected officials.

Council Member Bynum voiced her support for the Resolution to denounce Natalie Cline. She said that this matter is personal to her as a Granite District educator for 27 years. Her primary concern is to make sure that kids are safe and feel like they belong every day.

Council Member Williams made a motion to approve the Resolution.

A copy of the Resolution is attached and incorporated by this reference.

MOTION: Clarissa Williams

SECOND: Natalie Pinkney

Roll Call Vote:


Bynum: Yes

Huff: Yes
Mitchell: Yes
Pinkney: Yes
Thomas: Yes
Williams: Yes
Sanchez: Yes

Mayor Wood shared some comments and said that she is thankful that the City Council was able to hold this special meeting to pass the Resolution in a timely manner. As a community that has built a small army that is deployed every day on behalf of its youngest residents, she wanted to take the time to thank them for their work as they are the eyes, ears, and protectors, who build support systems around the City's youth. She finds it disgusting that they are doing grassroots movements to protect the youth and that actions and behaviors like these are raining from above.

Council Chair Bynum thanked her for her support and comments.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.


Sharla Bynum, Council Chair
Ariel Andrus, City Recorder

21-Feb-24

COUNCIL MEETING - SPECIAL MEETING LIST OF ATTENDEES

NAME

CITY/TOWN

REPRESENTING

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RESOLUTION NO. R2024-3

**A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTH SALT LAKE CITY COUNCIL
DENOUNCING THE ACTIONS OF STATE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER
NATALIE CLINE**

WHEREAS, the City of South Salt Lake (the “City”) has three promises as a core goal that: 1) Every child has the opportunity to attend and to graduate from college, 2) Every resident has a safe, clean home and neighborhood, and 3) Everyone has the opportunity to be healthy and to prosper; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote and keep these promises, the City actively seeks to intervene and stop bullying by denouncing the actions of those who seek to jeopardize them; and

WHEREAS, all forms of bullying are adverse to a safe, positive, or healthy learning environment, home, or life; and

WHEREAS, recently State School Board Member, Natalie Cline, and her followers, engaged in cyberbullying behavior in a social media post targeted at a student enrolled in the Granite School District; and

WHEREAS, the actions and statements made by State School Board of Education Member Natalie Cline are in direct conflict with the City’s core goal of keeping these promises, the City is vehemently opposed to the continued association of Natalie Cline with the students and education system in the State of Utah, and demands the resignation of Ms. Cline from her position with the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, every child deserves the right to learn and participate in a safe educational environment.

Now, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake as follows:

1. We condemn the behavior of anyone who would bully or target any student for any reason, but especially those in positions of power who are specifically elected to represent and protect our children.
2. That such bullying behavior is cowardly, harmful, and unacceptable.
3. We call on our colleagues from school boards throughout the state and other elected officials to join us in demanding Board member Natalie Cline’s immediate resignation from the State Board of Education.

This Resolution shall become effective immediately and shall be filed with the City Recorder as soon as practicable.

(signatures appear on separate page)

APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of South Salt Lake, Utah, on this
24th day of February, 2024.

BY THE CITY COUNCIL:

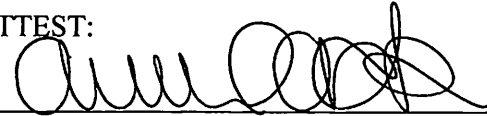

Sharla Bynum, Council Chair

City Council Vote as Recorded:

Huff	<u>yes</u>
Thomas	<u>yes</u>
Bynum	<u>yes</u>
Mila	<u>yes</u>
Sanchez	<u>yes</u>
Pinkney	<u>yes</u>
Williams	<u>yes</u>



ATTEST:


Ariel Andrus, City Recorder