

MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD EXTRA MEETING

Thursday, May 30, 2024

USBE Board Rooms

250 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, UT 84111

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Members Present:

- Chair Bowles (Leading the Meeting)
- Vice Chair Cynthia Phillips (Present at the anchor spot)
- Member Stephanie Speicher (Online)
- Member Rabecca Cisneros (Online)
- Member Michelle Smith (Online)

Staff Present:

- Executive Director Kramer
- Marie, Associate Executive Director (Celebrated for her tenure)

Others Present

- Deputy Superintendent Scott Jones
- New Members from the AAG's Office - Kurt Bradburn (Introduced during the meeting)

MEETING BEGINS (1:06 PM)

Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

- Chair Bowles opened the meeting, confirmed a quorum, and welcomed everyone.
- Vice Chair Phillips led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- No public comments were recorded.

Consent Calendar

- The consent calendar was approved following a motion and second.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Kramer

Updates on Charter Operations

- Discussed the transfer of operations from Salt Lake Performing Arts Academy to Canyon Grove Academy, detailing compliance with lease agreements and attorney opinions.

Celebrations and Acknowledgments

- Superintendent Dickson was recognized for her support during the COVID-19 pandemic by a school at graduation.
- Celebrated Marie's five-year tenure with the Utah State Board of Education and State Charter School Board.

ACTION ITEMS

Startup and Innovation Grant

- **Motion Made By:** Vice Chair Cynthia Phillips proposed approving the Startup and Implementation Grants — including policy, procedures, forms, and the guidance document.
- **Seconded By:** Member Stephanie Speicher.
- **Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

Merger Language and Policy Review

- Extensive feedback was considered regarding the merger guidance document.
- **Motion Made By:** Vice Chair Cynthia Phillips to direct the staff to continue to refine the merger guidance document and related procedures, policy, and application form, aiming to bring it back to the board in August or September.
- **Seconded By:** Member Rabecca Cisneros.
- **Outcome:** The motion was unanimously approved.

Financial and Operational Standards Discussions

- Deliberated on adjusting financial standards in Schedule A and adding "School's Minimum Performance Standards" to Section G.
- Recommended integrating State Charter School Board academic, financial, and governance frameworks into Schedule A for enhanced flexibility and alignment.

Insurance and Liability Issues

- Discussed charter schools needing to name the State Charter School Board as an additional insured on liability insurance policies.
- Decided to revisit this decision to prevent future complications.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

- Chair Bowles summarized the updates on charter operations and the actions taken regarding financial and operational standards for charter schools.

ADJOURNMENT (2:45 PM)

- **Motion to Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made and passed unanimously. The next meeting is scheduled for June 19, 2024.