

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MEETING MINUTES

USBE Study Session.

September 16, 2024  
5:00 PM to 7:59 PM

The [Utah State Board of Education](#) held an electronic state board meeting on August 23, 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. Chair Moss presided. The meeting was streamed live to the public.

**Members Present Online**

Chair Jim Moss	Member Joseph Kerry
Vice Chair Molly Hart	Member Carol Lear
Vice Chair Jennie Earl	Member Kristan Norton
Member Christina Boggess	Member Sarah Reale
Member Randy Boothe	Member LeAnn Wood
Member Cindy Davis	
Member Matt Hymas	

**Members Absent**

Member Emily Green  
Member Natalie Cline

**Executive Staff Present**

Sydney Dickson, State Superintendent  
Patty Norman, Deputy Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Debbie Davis, Chief Audit Executive  
Sarah Young, Chief of Staff

**Minutes were taken by:**

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

**Others Present**

Debbie Davis, Kelsey James, Bethany Marker, Megan Menlove, Elisse Newey, Michelle Beus, Laurie Baefsky, Todd Call, Wendi Morton, Julie Lundell, Shauntelle Cota, Rhett Larsen, Ben Rasmussen, Christina Guevara, Leah Voorhies, Darin Nielsen, Garrett Russell, Benji Carrier, Katie Dewey, Kimberly Loveland, Thalea Longhurst, Ashley Biehl, Nicholas Renzo, Alex Farah, and Malie Hite.

**Opening Business**

Chair Moss called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

**2025 General Session Legislative Preparation**Prioritization of Board Legislative Funding Requests

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board combine the audit staff funding request (#9) with USBE Critical FTE needs (#1) and leave as a combined request in current #1 list.

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Moss, Wood, Hymas, Hart, and Earl.

Opposed: Members Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Reale, and Strate.

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board directs staff to revise the prioritized list of Legislative Funding Requests to:

1. move the SIS Legislative Funding Request to #1;
2. move the Teacher Professional Hours Legislative Funding Request to #2;
3. move the Safety Legislative Funding Request to #3;
4. move the USBE Critical FTE Needs Legislative Funding Request to #4;
5. move the Grow Your Own Legislative Funding Request to #5;
6. move the National Board Certified Teachers Legislative Funding Request to #6; and
7. Keep the remaining requests in the order they are currently in after that

**MOTION TO DIVIDE** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Lear that the Board divide to individual items.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**DIVIDED MOTION 1.**

move the SIS Legislative Funding Request to #1;

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board add WPU as #1 and SIS #2.

1. rank WPU as #1;
2. move the SIS Legislative Funding Request to #2 and request \$38 million one-time funds for the SIS funding request for the first year and five year sustainment;
3. move the Teacher Professional Hours Legislative Funding Request to #3;
4. move the Safety Legislative Funding Request to #4;
5. move the USBE Critical FTE Needs Legislative Funding Request to #5;
6. move the Grow Your Own Legislative Funding Request to #6;
7. move the National Board Certified Teachers Legislative Funding Request to #7; and
8. Keep the remaining requests in the order they are currently in after that.

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Moss, Norton, and Hart.

Opposed: Members Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Reale, Strate, and Wood.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Norton and seconded by Member Davis that the Board request \$38 million one-time funds for the SIS funding request for the first year and five year sustainment.

**The motion carried.**

In favor: Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Strate, and Wood.

Opposed: Members Moss, Reale, Hart, and Earl.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board affix a dollar amount to the items that do not have a funding amount (WPU – Est. 6.8% and SIS funding requests).

**The motion carried.**

In favor: Members Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Strate, and Wood.

Opposed: Members Earl, Hart, Reale, and Moss.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board attach a 3% WPU increase above the growth and inflation WPU amount. (6.8% total).

**The motion carried.**

In favor: Members Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss.

Opposed: Member Hart.

**MOTION TO AMEND THE AMENDMENT** was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board add WPU as #1 and further discuss the remaining items.

**The motion carried.**

In favor: Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss.

Opposed: Member Boggess.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board directs staff to communicate the Board's legislative funding request priorities as the 6.8% (total) WPU funding request and the Board's ranked top 10 after the WPU for the 2025 legislative session in accordance with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board amend the top 12 and substitute for the top 7, including WPU.

1	<b>Critical USBE FTE Needs</b>
2	<b>Paid Professional Hours</b>
3	<b>Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline</b>

4	<b>Student Information System (SIS)</b>
5	<b>Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers</b>
6	<b>School Safety Needs Assessment Findings</b>

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** made by Member Boggess.

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Boggess, Earl, and Kerry.

Opposed: Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Hymas, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Hart that the Board amend the top 12 and substitute for the top 7, including WPU.

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
- 3 Paid Professional Hours
- 4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline
- 5 Student Information System (SIS)
- 6 Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers
- 7 School Safety Needs Assessment Findings

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Earl, Hart, Hymas, Norton, and Moss.

Opposed: Members Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Kerry, Lear, Reale, Strate, and Wood.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Strate that the Board directs staff to communicate the Board's legislative funding request priorities as the 6.8% (total) WPU funding request and the Board's ranked top 10 after the WPU for the 2025 legislative session in accordance with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Boothe, Davis, Lear, Norton, Reale, and Strate.

Opposed: Members Boggess, Earl, Hart, Hymas, Kerry, Wood, and Moss.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Wood that the Board directs staff to communicate the Board's legislative funding request priorities as the 6.8% (total) WPU funding request and the Board's ranked top 8 after the WPU, for 9 total, for the 2025 legislative session, and to eliminate #15 (Educator Incentives), in accordance with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
- 3 Paid Professional Hours
- 4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline
- 5 Student Information System (SIS)
- 6 Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers
- 7 School Safety Needs Assessment Findings
- 8 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and POPS
- 9 School Lunch Based on Representative Clancy's Work

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board directs staff to revise the prioritized list of Legislative Funding Requests to:

1. move the SIS Legislative Funding Request to #10 on the list; and
2. Move the Internal Audit Critical Functional Capacity to #5 on the list.

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Boggess, Earl, Hymas, and Kerry.

Opposed: Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board direct staff to revise the prioritized list of Legislative Funding Requests to:

- Move the Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers to number 11; and
- Move the Educator Supplemental Program Legislative Funding Request to number 6.

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
- 3 Paid Professional Hours
- 4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline
- 5 Student Information System (SIS)
- 6 ~~Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers~~ Educator Supplemental Programs
- 7 School Safety Needs Assessment Findings
- 8 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and POPS
- 9 School Lunch Based on Representative Clancy's Work

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Boggess, Davis, Earl, Hymas, Kerry, and Moss.

Opposed: Members Boothe, Hart, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Wood that the Board directs staff to communicate the Board's legislative funding request priorities as the 6.8% (total) WPU funding request and the Board's ranked top 8 after the WPU, for 9 total, for the 2025 legislative session, and to eliminate #15 (Educator Incentives), in accordance with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
- 3 Paid Professional Hours
- 4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline
- 5 Student Information System (SIS)
- 6 Educator Incentives: National Board Certified Teachers
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- 8 Beverley Taylor Sorenson Arts and POPS
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- 10 Educator Supplemental Programs

**MOTION TO DIVIDE** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Hymas that the Board directs staff to revise the prioritized list of Legislative Funding Request to move the SIS

Legislative Funding Request to #10 on the list.

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
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- 10 Student Information System (SIS)

**The motion failed.**

In favor: Members Boggess, Earl, Hymas, Kerry.

Opposed: Members Boothe, Davis, Hart, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, Wood, and Moss.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Strate and seconded by Member Lear that the Board amend the substitute motion as follows:

- 1) To prioritize a top 10; and
- 2) Move Educator Supplemental Programs legislative funding request to #10

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
- 3 Paid Professional Hours
- 4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline
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**The motion carried.**

In favor: Members Boothe, Davis, Earl, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood.

Opposed: Members Boggess, Hart, Hymas, and Moss.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION**, as amended, was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member

Wood that the Board directs staff to communicate the Board's legislative funding request priorities as the 6.8% (total) WPU funding request and the Board's ranked top 9 after the WPU, for 10 total, for the 2025 legislative session, and to eliminate #15 (Educator Incentives), in accordance with the Budgetary Procedures Act.

- 1 WPU
- 2 Critical USBE FTE Needs
- 3 Paid Professional Hours
- 4 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline
- 5 Student Information System (SIS)
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**The motion carried.**

In favor: Members Boothe, Davis, Hymas, Kerry, Lear, Norton, Reale, Strate, and Wood.

Opposed: Members Boggess, Earl, Hart, and Moss.

#### **Adjournment**

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded that the meeting adjourn.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.  
The minutes were approved on September 5, 2024.