

Date: April 4, 2025



Utah State Board of Education

The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format via Zoom and in-person.

Members Present: Chair Jennie Earl, Vice Chair Joann Brinton, Member Sarah Reale, Member Emily Green, and Member LeAnn Wood

Committee Staff: Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent, Michelle Beus, A.A.G., Jennifer Wadsworth, Policy Advisor, and Andrea Curtin, Secretary

Others Present: Jerry Record, Alex Farah, Carson Miller, Darin Nielsen, Nathan Auck, Jodi Parker, Krista Hotelling, Sara Wiebke, Amy Magruder, and Matt Winters

Chair Jennie Earl called the meeting to order at 9:18 a.m.

7.2 **INFORMATION: Public Comment**

There was no public comment for this meeting.

7.3 **ACTION: R277-474 School Instruction and Sex Education (Amendment) – Consent Form Document**

Committee Discussion: In the 2025 Legislative session HB 281, Health Curriculum and Procedures Amendments passed causing the Utah State Board of Education to amend rule R277-474, School Instruction and Sex Education.

Committee Action: Member Wood made a motion to table this item until the Committee completes the rule, item 3.3.

Motion: passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Earl made a motion to un-table this item.

Motion: passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Earl made a motion to amend the consent form to read: “In accordance with Utah State Board of Education Rule R277-474-7-4, a Utah educator may correct inaccurate or misleading information in accordance with the approved instructional materials adopted by the LEA or they may direct students to parents.”

Motion: passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Green made the motion, The Committee recommends the Board approve the consent form document, as amended, in R277-474, School Instruction and Sex Education and move to the full Board for final approval.

Motion: passed unanimously.

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MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve the consent form document, Draft 2, in R277-474, School Instruction and Sex Education.

7.4 **ACTION: R277-474 School Instruction and Sex Education (Amendment)**

Committee Discussion: In the 2025 Legislative session HB 281, Health Curriculum and Procedures Amendments passed causing the Utah State Board of Education to amend rule R277-474, School Instruction and Sex Education.

Committee Action: Member Earl made a motion to amend lines 215-218 to read:

4) A Utah educator may correct inaccurate or misleading information in accordance with the approved ~~respond to spontaneous student questions that are not solicited by the educator and are within the scope of the~~ instructional materials adopted by the LEA or they may direct students to parents. or health professionals for the purposes of providing accurate data or correcting inaccurate or misleading information or comments made by students in class regarding sex education.

Motion: passed 4 to 1 with Member Reale opposed.

Committee Action: Member Reale made a substitute motion: Amend lines 215-218 to read:

4) A Utah educator may correct inaccurate or misleading information in accordance with the approved ~~respond to spontaneous student questions that are not solicited by the educator and are within the scope of the~~ instructional materials adopted by the LEA or they may direct students to parents or health professionals for the purposes of providing accurate data. ~~or correcting inaccurate or misleading information or comments made by students in class regarding sex education.~~

Motion: failed 1 to 4 with Member Reale in favor.

Committee Action: Member Wood made the motion that the Committee approve R277-474, draft 1, as amended, and forward to the Board for final approval.

Motion: passed with Member Reale absent.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-474, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

7.5 **ACTION: R277- 920 School Improvement and Leadership Development (Amendment)**

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Committee Discussion: Staff presented R277-920, School Improvement and Leadership Development, Draft1, for consideration and approval. Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X, Sec 3; 53E-3-401\(4\); Title 53E, Chapter 5, Part 3](#)

Committee Action: Member Wood made the motion that the Committee approve R277-920, School Improvement and Leadership Development, draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-920, School Improvement and Leadership Development, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

7.6 INFORMATION: AI in Education Update

Committee Discussion: This item is recommended by leadership: In June of 2024 USBE added the position of AI in Education Specialist to the USBE staff. This position was one of the first in the nation and Utah has been leading out in this new education space. Because of the quickly changing technology, the Standards and Assessment Committee asked to have an AI in Education update every other month. This month Matt Winters reported the following:

1. Policy Updates

a. Work around regulatory mitigation of laws/codes in USBE's AI Framework between the Office of AI Policy and USBE have concluded, and results are being prepared. The results are several regulatory mitigations plans that will help LEAs navigate laws and codes around AI. These plans will be shared as part of an update to the Framework in the coming weeks.

b. Other updates to the Framework include a glossary of key AI terms and some additional context around key points.

2. IHC / USBE AI Professional Development Program

a. USBE rolled out a professional development program, thanks to funding from IHC, that will provide distributed PD around AI in schools across the state.

b. The program will engage teachers with one hour of in-person PD, an hour of online PD, and will conclude with teachers writing an AI-engaged lesson plan in their content area and grade level. These lesson plans will be shared via eMedia and the STEM Action Center Resource Hub.

3. USBE Internal PDs

a. Thanks to support from EAC, we are running a series of AI and Canvas trainings over the next few months to help support our USBE team. These training sessions were sent to USBE team members through Ryan Bartlett.

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b. This training series started on Monday with a paired presentation with Matthew Winters and Megan Tippetts on AI and Date use in USBE.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: No motion for the Board, information item.

Adjournment:

Committee Action: Board Member Green made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

The motion passes unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.