

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

INFORMATION: Trust Land System Report

Agenda item type:

Information Item

Recommended Action:

n/a

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:

[53D-2-203. Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office director -- Appointment -- Removal -- Power and duties.](#)

(5) In order to fulfill the duties of the advocacy office described in Section 53D-2-201, the advocacy director shall:

- (a) maintain a direct relationship with each individual who is key to fulfilling the state's trustee obligations and duties related to the trust;
- (b) facilitate open communication among key individuals described in Subsection (5)(a);
- (c) actively seek necessary and accurate information;
- (d) review and, if necessary, recommend the state auditor audit, activities involved in:
 - (i) generating trust revenue;
 - (ii) protecting trust assets; or
 - (iii) distributing funds for the exclusive use of trust beneficiaries;
- (e) promote accurate record keeping of all records relevant to the trust and distribution to trust beneficiaries;
- (f) report at least quarterly to the advocacy committee and the state treasurer on the current activities of the advocacy office;
- (g) annually submit a proposed advocacy office budget to the state treasurer;
- (h) regarding the trust's compliance with law, and among the School and Institutional Trust Lands System as a whole, report annually to:
 - (i) the advocacy committee;
 - (ii) the state treasurer;
 - (iii) the State Board of Education; and
 - (iv) the Executive Appropriations Committee;

Contact:

Presenters:

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Attachments:

1. Board Study Session 2025