



DRAFT MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 1, 2025 | 1:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. John D. Johnson

Sen. Michael K. McKell

Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Kaelie Mortensen, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Millner called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. K. Riebe

2. Review the Proposed Appointment of Michael Barton for the Snow College Board of Trustees

Michael Barton introduced himself, discussed his background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Michael Barton as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

3. Review the Proposed Appointment of Rusty Bastian for the Snow College Board of Trustees

Rusty Bastian introduced himself, discussed his background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Rusty Bastian as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7Nays - 0Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

4. Review the Proposed Appointment of Clinton Painter for the Snow College Board of Trustees

Clinton Painter introduced himself, discussed his background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

Mindy Benson, President, Southern Utah University, provided public comment in favor of the nomination.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Clinton Painter as a member of the Snow College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7Nays - 0Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

5. Review the Proposed Appointment of Shawn Guzman for the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees

Shawn Guzman introduced himself, discussed his background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Shawn Guzman as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7Nays - 0Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

6. Review the Proposed Appointment of Kristan Norton for the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees

Kristan Norton introduced herself, discussed her background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Kristan Norton as a member of the Utah Tech University Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.



Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

7. Public Comment

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 7

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting.