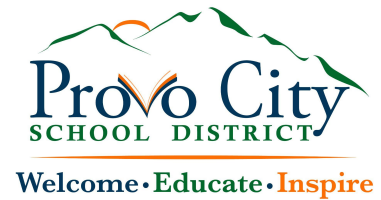


# Closed Executive Sessions, Study Session, Public Hearing & Business Meeting



280 W 940 N Provo UT 84604

(Tuesday, August 12, 2025)

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## **Members present**

Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

Lisa Boyce via Zoom

## **A. 4:00pm Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual. UT Code 52.4.205**

### **Procedural: 1. Welcome: President Jennifer Partridge**

Meeting called to order at 4:00pm

### **Procedural: 2. Roll Call** (Audio Timestamp 00:14)

Jennifer Partridge, Board President; Gina Hales, Board Vice President; Melanie Hall, Board Member; Meg Van Wagenen, Board Member; Emily Harrison, Board Member; Teri McCabe, Board Member; Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator; Wendy Dau, Superintendent; Lisa Boyce, Board Member (Lisa Boyce attending via Zoom)

### **Action: 3. Motion to Convene Study Session** (Audio Timestamp 00:43)

I move that we convene a study session.

Motion made by Gina Hales, second Meg Van Wagenen

Aye: Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Melanie Hall, Meg Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce

### **Action: 4. Motion to Convene Closed Executive Session**

(Audio Timestamp 01:02)

I move that we convene a closed executive session to discuss the character, professional competence or physical or mental health of an individual.

Motion made by Melanie Hall, second Emily Harrison.

Roll Call Vote: Jennifer Partridge, Aye; Gina Hales, Aye; Melanie Hall, Aye; Meg Van Wagenen, Aye; Emily Harrison, Aye; Teri McCabe, Aye; Lisa Boyce, Aye

Jason Cox, Deputy Superintendent; Darrell Jensen, Assistant Superintendent; and Jarod Sites, Assistant Superintendent are also in attendance.

## **Discussion, Information: 5. Discussion of the Character, Professional Competence, or Physical or Mental Health of an Individual.**

### **Action: 6. Motion to Adjourn**

## **B. 5:05pm Study Session**

### **Procedural: 1. Welcome: President Jennifer Partridge**

Meeting called to order at 5:05pm.

### **Procedural: 2. Roll Call** *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:13)*

Jennifer Partridge, Board President; Gina Hales, Board Vice President; Melanie Hall, Board Member; Meg Van Wagenen, Board Member; Rachel Ryu, Student Board Member; Lisa Boyce, Board Member; Emily Harrison, Board Member; Teri McCabe, Board Member; Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator; Wendy Dau, Superintendent

\*Lisa Boyce attending via Zoom

### **Action: 3. Motion to Convene** *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:44)*

I move that we convene the Study Session.

Motion by Megan Van Wagenen, second by Gina Hales.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

## **Information: 4. Board Training: Board Member Meg Van Wagenen**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:01:04)*

Summary:

- Board relationships with each other, media, community, etc.

- Having good relationships doesn't mean we don't disagree or have robust discussions, but when a group decision is made, as a group we support it.
- Common purpose of supporting our students, what is best for academic achievement, stewardship of resources, and wellness for our students, employees and community members.
- Follow open meeting laws, no email discussions
- Answering emails, board members in the sender's district will answer first, then others are welcome to respond as well
- Board members work to respond with civility and a problem solving approach
- Direct media to Communications

### **Discussion, Information: 5. Early Learning Plan: Director of Continuous School Improvement, Michelle Eldredge**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:06:39)*

Summary:

Presentation shared with the board for information; the state requires the board to review, not to approve.

- Shout out to teachers as the district surpassed these goals last year.

[Early Learning Plan Presentation](#)

### **Discussion, Information: 6. District Donation Discussion: Principal Tu'ua and Assistant Superintendent Darrell Jensen**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:25:45)*

Summary:

Principal Momi Tu'ua, Athletic Director Wendy Anae, and Head Custodian Jessy Nielsen reported issues to the board regarding grass versus artificial turf in light of a donation offered to help cover initial costs for artificial turf.

- Artificial turf would help THS have more athletes on practice fields at THS, less transportation
- Damage to grass fields, wet, muddy fields unsafe, time off fields to repair, re-seed, PHS has more field space
- Donation will help with initial cost
- Transporting teams and equipment is an ongoing time, cost, wear and tear issue.
- Students driving to another field, and transportation to another field is also a safety concern.
- Grateful to other schools for allowing use of those other areas.

- Would cost an additional \$150,000 a year in maintenance (replace every 10 years), in 5 years get artificial turf for PHS too, added expense there without a donation to help.
- This is for board to review, think about, no vote tonight

**Discussion, Information: 7. Large Purchase Requests: Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator** *(Audio Timestamp 00:52:11)*

Summary: Any purchase over \$50,000 must be reviewed and approved by the school board. Two items are needing approval tonight:

- Zion Engineering - \$140,134.29 (Provo Peaks boiler)
- Concrete Concrete - \$153,830.85 (Provo High concrete repairs, Transportation)

**Discussion, Information: 8. Truth in Taxation FAQs: Business Administrator, Devyn Dayley** *(Audio Timestamp 00:56:34)*

[Truth in Taxation Presentation 2026](#)

**Discussion, Information: 9. Policy Review 1st Readings, Updates to 1001, 1005, 1008, 1110, 1100: Superintendent Wendy Dau**

*(Audio Timestamp 01:19:39)*

Summary:

[Policy Review Summary](#)

All of the following policies will be posted on the website and be on a future agenda for 2nd reading and approval.

- Policy 1001 Board Legal Status
- Policy 1005 Board Powers and Duties
- Policy 1008 Board Member Eligibility
- Policy 1110 and Procedure 1 Student Board Members
- Policy 1100 Elections and Redistricting

**Discussion, Information: 10. Boundary and Feasibility Study Update: Superintendent Wendy Dau and Business Administrator Devyn Dayley** *(Audio Timestamp 01:28:30)*

Summary:

2 recommended options:

1. Hold until other studies, such as DLI, are done and decisions there are made about future programs, Dixon site, etc.

2. Make minor corrections now, knowing there might be more changes later

The Information is useful even if not acted on right now, there is no crisis to avoid, all schools operating relatively efficiently.

Next steps: The board will discuss DLI options in the all day meeting in September. The general consensus now is to lean toward holding for now, on any major boundary changes, and start to work on minor boundary adjustments for the south elementaries as soon as possible, possibly in time for the next school year.

[Boundary Presentation 8.12.25](#)

**Discussion, Information: 11. Wasatch Update: Devyn Dayley,**

**Business Administrator** *(Audio Timestamp 01:43:49)*

Moved to business meeting due to time constraints

**Discussion, Information: 12. Consent Calendar Review and**

**Questions: Pres. Jennifer Partridge** *(Audio Timestamp 01:43:49)*

Board Members will review and discuss in the business meeting.

**Information: 13. Upcoming Board Calendar Items: President Jennifer**

**Partridge** *(Audio Timestamp 01:44:03)*

Board Members encouraged to review.

**Action: 14. Motion to Adjourn** *(Audio Timestamp 01:44:11)*

I move that we adjourn the Study Session.

Motion by Megan Van Wagenen, second NONE.

## **C. 7:00pm Public Truth in Taxation Hearing**

**Procedural: 1. Welcome: President Jennifer Partridge**

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

**Procedural: 2. Roll Call** *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:11)*

Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator; Teri McCabe, Board Member; Gina Hales Board Vice President; Jennifer Partridge, Board President; Wendy Dau, Superintendent; Meg Van Wagenen, Board Member; Emily Harrison, Board Member; Melanie Hall, Board

Member; Lisa Boyce, Board Member participating via Zoom, Rachel Ryu, Student Board Member

\*Board Member Lisa Boyce is participating via Zoom

### **Action: 3. Motion to Convene a Truth in Taxation Hearing**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:00:50)*

I move that we convene a truth in taxation hearing.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Megan Van Wagenen.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

### **Discussion, Information: 4. Truth in Taxation Overview**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:01:15)*

[Truth in Taxation Presentation](#)

### **Procedural: 5. Public Input for Truth in Taxation Hearing**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:07:59)*

Christy Giblon, Teacher at Shoreline, resident of Taylorsville, president of PEA: Very pleased how much information is shared in Provo City School District, grateful for the work to be transparent and have information readily available to employees and the public..

Nathan Hadfield, Wasatch neighborhood: Grateful for teachers and public education, not easy to know the direct financial impact good education has on us, anytime we can make it easier for teachers to do what they do, wholeheartedly in support of that.

Brian Cannon, Provost neighborhood: Supports efforts to increase teachers salary. Also wants to insure that work has been done to operate as leanly as possible to reduce costs and not increase taxes, concerned about efficiency in districts.

### **Action: 6. Consideration to Approve Tax Rates** *(Audio Timestamp 00:18:14)*

I move that we approve the proposed certified tax rate of .007017.

Motion by Megan Van Wagenen, second by Lisa Boyce.

Board members commented on this item and the reasons for this tax rate vote.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

### **Action: 7. Adjourn Hearing, Convene Business Meeting**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:34:34)*

I move that we adjourn the truth in taxation hearing and convene the business meeting.

Motion by Gina Hales, second by Melanie Hall.

## **D. Business Meeting**

### **Procedural: 1. Opening Remarks: Board Member Melanie Hall**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:35:00)*

Summary:

- Believe in the magic, Theme for the district this year
- Every student is important
- Working together to reach goals makes magic of learning last a lifetime

### **Procedural: 2. Pledge of Allegiance: Darrell Jensen, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education** *(Audio Timestamp 00:36:38)*

## **E. Community Connections**

### **Procedural: 1. Public Input** *(Audio Timestamp 00:37:12)*

None

### **Report: 2. Back to School Update: Superintendent Wendy Dau**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:37:31)*

Summary:

- First day tomorrow, favorite day of the year
- An area of emphasis this year will be attendance. It's important to show up it really impacts grades, learning and we love our students, we want to see them in classes. Also hear from community employers, they also need employees that show up, it's an important habit to have in life.
- Another area of focus will be behavior. The district will work to provide great tool kits for teachers and administrators, for challenging behaviors,

- Another area of focus is always communication, we have a parent advisory committee, a community connections committee, teachers who share leadership on building leadership teams at each school.
- We want to create a culture where people are happy to be at work, students are learning and everyone is creating good relationships.
- We want to share data with parents about how students are doing
- As a point of interest, in looking at what positions have been eliminated it's also important to see the legislation that requires adding positions (school safety, guardians etc.). We work hard to balance all of that as much as we can.
- Shout out to all our teachers and other employees who work with children every day. They make such a difference, that interaction is so important, it helps them feel successful and valued.
- Excited about the energy in the district, Provo is the very best place to be.

## **Unfinished Study Session Item**

### **Discussion, Information: 11. Wasatch Update: Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator** *(Audio Timestamp 00:44:22)*

#### **Summary:**

- Draft report back from Langdon which is the independent contractor that has been doing studies of the wall
- Taking time to make sure we have a good solution that is long term and that we have a team in place to put that back together
- Recommendations are not that different from what we have received already, other than a suggestion to increase the blanket drain behind the wall to mitigate any water build up, and to regularly monitor the area with devices
- The district is meeting with contractors and independent engineers and the wall designer, to make sure everyone is on the same page and to get the wall back up by time inclement weather hits.
- Responsibility for expenses is an ongoing discussion. The board has heard loud and clear that taxpayers should not be responsible for expenses to repair failure of the wall when there were no unusual circumstances that led to that failure.

## **F. Business Items**

### **Action: 1. Large Purchase Request: Zion Engineering**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:49:56)*

I move that we approve the large purchase request in the amount of \$140,134.29 for the boiler at Provo Peaks Elementary.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Megan Van Wagenen.



Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

## **Action: 2. Large Purchase Request: Concrete Concrete**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:51:20)*

I move that we approve the large purchase request in the amount of \$153,830.85 for concrete sealing and repairs for Transportation and Provo High School.

Motion by Emily Harrison, second by Gina Hales.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

## **Action: 3. Approve Policies** *(Audio Timestamp 00:52:59)*

None

## **G. Consent Calendar** *(Audio Timestamp 00:53:14)*

### **Action (Consent), Minutes: 1. Board Minutes as Part of the Consent Calendar**

Resolution: I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

### **Action (Consent), Minutes: 2. Board Minutes as Part of the Consent Calendar**

Resolution: I move that we approve the items on the consent calendar.

I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

### **Action (Consent), Report: 3. Personnel Report as Part of the Consent Calendar**

Resolution: I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

**Action (Consent), Report: 4. Home School, School Choice, eSchool Report as Part of the Consent Calendar**

Resolution: I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

**Action (Consent): 5. Financial Reports as Part of the Consent Calendar**

Resolution: I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

**Action (Consent): 6. Approve the Consent Calendar**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:56:25)*

Resolution: I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

I move that we approve the items on the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

**H. Student Board Member Report** *(Audio Timestamp 00:57:05)*

**Report: 1. Student Board Member Report**

Summary:

- New year, new student board members

- Rachel Ryu, Student Board Member THS introduced herself, she has had experience on the Student Advisory Council, and is excited to help and work with the PHS Student Board Representative, Bailee Lindstrum this year.

## **I. Business Administrator Report** *(Audio Timestamp 00:58:01)*

### **Report: 1. Business Administrator's Report**

Summary:

- Appreciation expressed for the support of the superintendent and board.
- Tax rate change is not an easy process and it is not a thing that is taken lightly.
- The Business Administrator and her team work really hard to watch every penny.
- She would love to talk to anyone to explain the process and help clarify the work being done to use taxpayer money wisely.

## **J. Board Member Roundtable** *(Audio Timestamp 00:59:28)*

### **Report: 1. Reports on Board Member Assignments**

Summary:

- Starting to work with the new student board members, it is fun to start to get to know them and we are excited to hear their voices and work with them this year
- Appreciation expressed to Wendy for hard work on policies, there will be alot coming to the board this year
- Started to receive emails about mini grants, there will be more information after the first foundation meeting
- The Legislative Committee is meeting with legislators and encouraging them to come into classrooms, next week is interim session
- The summer newsletter that recently went out with registration and back to school information looks great, it is clear and easy to understand, includes a calendar, successes in the district, map with qr codes of things to do - it's great. Thank you to the communication team for this
- The Legislative committee is writing up talking points to help share all the good that is happening in schools as well as challenges and areas where we could use their support. Will be sharing this document with USBA and JLC so other districts benefit from the work we are doing

## **K. Superintendent's Report** *(Audio Timestamp 01:04:04)*

### **Discussion, Information: 1. Approved Student Travel**

- Just a few approved for the summer and a few that are coming up, some errors on the spreadsheet corrected and other trips will be on future reports

### **Information: 2. Miscellaneous Items**

Summary:

- Thank you to Devyn for making financial things understandable for everyone.
- Go to the source when you have questions, come to us, visit schools.
- The leadership team will be visiting schools tomorrow, on the first day and also kindergarten classes over the next few weeks.
- A society grows great when old men plant trees in whose shade they will never sit. Thank you for the difficult decisions and support from the community to support our schools.

**L. Adjourn the Business Meeting and Convene a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Real Property and Litigation. UT Code 52.4.205** *(Audio Timestamp 01:07:50)*

**Action: 1. Adjourn the Business Meeting, Convene a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Real Property and Litigation.**

I move that we adjourn the Business Meeting and Convene a Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Real Property and Litigation.

Motion by Megan Van Wagenen, second by Gina Hales.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

**M. Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Real Property and Litigation. UT Code 52.4.205**

**Procedural: 1. Welcome**

**Discussion, Information: 2. Real Property**

**Discussion, Information: 3. Litigation**

**Action: 1. Adjourn**