



Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

Utah State Board of Education Board Meeting,
Study Session, and
Continued Business from the previous
meeting on June 5, 2025.
1:30 to 4:30 PM

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on June 6, 2025. Chair Hymas presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the state board offices, 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live YouTube streaming.

Members Present

Board Chair Matt Hymas	Member Jennie Earl
First Vice-Chair Amanda Bollinger	Member Randy Boothe
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood	Member Carol Lear
Member Christina Boggess	Member Joann Brinton
Member Rod Hall	

Members Online

Member Cindy Davis
Member Sarah Reale

Members Absent

Member Joseph Kerry
Member Emily Green
Member Cole Kelley

Executive Staff Present

Sydnee Dickson, State Superintendent
 Molly Hart, New State Superintendent
 Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent
 Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
 Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent
 Michelle Beus, Assistant Attorney General
 Ashley Biehl, Assistant Attorney General (via Zoom)
 Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent (via Zoom)
 Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent (via Zoom)
 Kelsey James, Board Communication Coordinator

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Chair Hymas called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM.

Study Session**Presenters:**

- Paula Plant, Director, School Children's Trust, Utah State Board of Education
- Stephanie Barber-Renteria, Managing Director, Energy and Minerals, Trust Lands Administration
- Peter Madsen, Director and Chief Investment Officer, School and Institutional Trust Lands Administration

Trust System Report

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;

Unfinished Board Business of the June 5, 2025, Meeting

Monthly Budget Report

In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education provided a report on the status of funds for its internal budgets.

Discretionary Funds Report

The Utah State Board of Education maintains a Discretionary Funds account. In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education is provided with the status of the funds. This is a perpetual action item

to facilitate motions by board members to utilize available funds in a consistent and allowable manner.

ACTION: FY26 Charter Base Funding Distributions

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member that the Board distribute funding to charter schools with enrollment under 2,000, as it most closely follows legislative intent language.

MOTION was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board distribute funding to charter schools with enrollment greater than 2,000 students for \$200,560, and the remaining one-time funds be allocated to the base amount to charter schools with fewer than 2,000 students.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Lear that the Board distribute funding to charter schools with enrollment greater than 2,000 students for \$200,560 and the remaining one-time funds be allocated first to the to the schools with less than 500 students up to \$83,500 and the remaining one-time funds be allocated to the base amount to charter schools with fewer than 2,000 students but more than 500 students.

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Bollinger, Brinton, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Reale, and Hall.

3 ABSENT: Members Green, Kerry, and Kelley.

FINAL MOTION, AS AMENDED

The motion passed unanimously.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Bollinger, Brinton, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Reale, and Hall.

3 ABSENT: Members Green, Kerry, and Kelley.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Lear and seconded by Member Earl.

The motion passed unanimously.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Lear, Bollinger, Brinton, Hymas, Wood, Boggess, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Reale, and Hall.

3 ABSENT: Members Green, Kerry, and Kelley.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes were approved on August 7, 2025.