

September 5, 2025

Utah State Board of Education

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

Members Present: Joseph Kerry, Amanda Bollinger, Carol Lear, Rod Hall, Erin Longacre

Committee Staff: Elisse Newey, Ben Rasmussen, Vanessa Hatton

Others Present: Ashley Biehl (online), Christina Boggess, Malia Hite, Royce Van Tassell, Lexi Cunningham, Jennie Earl, Debbie Davis, Darin Nielsen, Stephanie Patton, LeAnn Wood

Chair Kerry called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

4.1 Public Comment

4.2 Amendments to Board Bylaws Article IV

Committee Discussion: The Board received a request from a board member to remove abusive language in Article IV.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee amend Draft 2 line 21 to read as “Article VII(19)(c) of [the Board Bylaws and](#) Section 67-16-4”.

The motion passed unanimously.

The action was rescinded.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee amend Article IV Draft 2, line 21 to read as “the [confidentiality provisions of](#) Article VII(19)(c) of [the Board Bylaws and the improper disclosure requirements of](#) Section 67-16-4”.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee approve the Board Bylaws Article IV, Member Ethics, Draft 2, as amended, and forward to the Board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve the Board

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Bylaws Article IV, Member Ethics, Draft 3.

4.3 R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Staff recommend updating terminology in the rule consistent with SB 66. Staff also recommend updating the requirements for a school leadership license area of concentration.

Staff presented R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

4.4 R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy (New)

Committee Discussion: This is a new rule for implementing the Statewide Catalyst Campus Model Program as outlined in HB 447 (2025).

Staff presented R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee direct staff to add a definition of First Credential Program prior to R277-731 coming before the full Board in October.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy, Draft 1, as amended, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

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The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

4.5 UPPAC Rules

Committee Discussion: Board members Boggess, Green, and Longacre submitted a request to review the UPPAC definitions, Educator standards, and UPPAC presumptions. They propose amending R277-210 to include all the definitions and the bulk of what is contained in R277-215 and R277-217. R277-215 would be repealed under their proposal and R277-217 would be amended to simply set forth LEA and educator reporting requirements. R277-211 would be updated to expand the approved outcomes for an expedited hearing.

Committee Action: Member Longacre moved that the Committee approve R277-210, Draft 3, on first reading, and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion failed 4-1, with member Longacre in favor.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee share the committee discussion with Board leadership and recommend establishment of a working group to review UPPAC rules.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 a.m.