MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

UTAH STATE LEGISLATURE

Thursday, September 11, 2025 | 3:00 p.m. | 120 Senate Building

Members Present:
Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Sen. Chris H. Wilson

Members Absent:
Sen. John D. Johnson

Staff Present:
Finn Andrew Rose, Policy Analyst
Amy Hawkes, 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 3:04 p.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2025, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4	Nays - 0	Absent - 3
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. L. Escamilla		Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. C. Wilson
Sen. A. Millner		

2. Review the Proposed Reappointment of Bassam Salem as a member of the University of Utah Board of Trustees

Bassam Salem introduced himself and discussed his background and qualifications.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the reappointment of Bassam Salem as a member of the University of Utah Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. L. Escamilla		Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. M. McKell		
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. C. Wilson		

3. Review the Proposed Appointment of Kristin Andrus as a member of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees

Kristin Andrus introduced herself, discussed her background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Kristin Andrus as a member of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. L. Escamilla		Sen. K. Riebe
Sen. M. McKell		
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. C. Wilson		

4. Review the Proposed Appointment of Bradley Herbert as a member of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees

Bradley Herbert 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 Bradley Herbert as a member of the Utah Valley University Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6	Nays - 0	Absent - 1
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. L. Escamilla		
Sen. M. McKell		
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

5. Review the Proposed Appointment of Kenneth Romney as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees

Kenneth Romney 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 Kenneth Romney as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

6. Review the Proposed Appointment of Kyle Brostrom as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees

Kyle Brostrom introduced himself and discussed his background and qualifications.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Kyle Brostrom as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

7. Review the Proposed Appointment of Stacey Hutchings as a member of the State Charter School Board

Stacey Hutchings introduced herself, discussed her background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

Eric Hutchings provided public comment in favor of the nomination.

Darin Brush, President, Davis Technical College, provided public comment in favor of the nomination.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Stacey Hutchings as a member of the State Charter School Board. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

8. Review the Proposed Appointment of Luke Johnson as a member of the Utah State University Board of Trustees

Luke Johnson introduced himself, discussed his background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Luke Johnson as a member of the Utah State University Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

9. Review the Proposed Appointment of Brett Hugie as a member of the Utah State University Board of Trustees

Brett Hugie introduced himself and discussed his background and qualifications.

MOTION: Sen. Wilson moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Brett Hugie as a member of the Utah State University Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5	Nays - 0	Absent - 2
Sen. H. Balderree		Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. M. McKell		Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner		
Sen. K. Riebe		
Sen. C. Wilson		

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 4:21 p.m.