

October 3, 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), Hyrum Clarke (online), Braeden Stander, Sara Jones, Malia Hite, Tanya Albornoz, Royce Van Tassell, Heidi Alder (online), Debbie Davis, Christina Boggess, Jennie Earl

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

9.1 Public Comment

- Braeden Stander spoke to school clubs
- Sara Jones spoke to R277-322
- Hyrum Clarke spoke to R277-322
- Heidi Alder spoke to R277-114 and school clubs

9.2 R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Staff requested the Board review this rule to update the definition of "Accountability practices," which applies in all USBE rules.

Staff presented R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee amend Lines 18-20 to read: "Practices may include behavior plans, restorative practices, and adapting instruction to increase engagement."

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules, Draft 1, as amended, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-100, Definitions for Utah State Board of Education Rules, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

9.3 R277-311, Specialized Endorsements (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: This rule is approaching its five-year review date. Staff recommend updating the section on physical education endorsements to include requirements for an endorsement in adapted physical education.

Staff presented R277-311, Specialized Endorsements, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-311, Specialized Endorsements, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-311, Specialized Endorsements, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

9.4 R277-322, Local Education Agency (LEA) Codes of Conduct (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Three Board members requested that R277-322 be added to the committee agenda to discuss updating the requirements for what should be included in an LEA's employee code of conduct, training, website posting, reporting certain issues to USBE, and adding language on compliance and retaliation.

Staff presented R277-322, Local Education Agency (LEA) Codes of Conduct, Drafts 1 and 2, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Kerry moved that the Committee bring this item back to the November Law and Licensing Committee meeting for continued discussion or possible action.

The motion passed unanimously.

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MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

9.5 R277-111, Board Oversight Framework (Repeal)

Committee Discussion: Staff presented R277-111, Board Oversight Framework, Repeal, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee bring R277-114 and R277-111 to the Special October Law and Licensing Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

9.6 R277-114, Response to Compliance and Related Issues (Repeal & Reenact)

Committee Discussion: Staff presented R277-114, Response to Compliance and Related Issues, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee bring R277-114 and R277-111 to the Special October Law and Licensing Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:09 a.m.