

SESC Board Meeting

October 9, 2025

Virtual

Present: Roberta Hardy
Matthew Keyes
Mika Salas
Christine Fitzgerald
Jim Shank

Shanda Stenger
Lisa Cluff
John Hughes
Johnna Boyack

Welcome from Roberta Hardy.

Friends of Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS) Arts Presentation - Lisa Cluff, BTS and Shanda Stenger, USBE gave a presentation on the BTS Arts Program and were available to answer any questions.

USBE SOEP presentation - Tami Gear gave a presentation on the changes to the SOEP program and was available to answer any questions from board members.

Consent Items:

- Minutes - Jim Shank motioned to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2025 virtual meeting. Christine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor.
- Warrants - Mika Salas motioned to approve the warrants from 9/18/25, 9/25/25, 10/2/25. Jim Shank seconded the motion. All in favor.

Previous Commitments to Action:

- Contact USBE for SOEP Presentation - The presentation was held at the October 9, 2025 meeting. John has requested that if any of the board members have any questions they reach out to him and he will get the answers from Tami Gear.
- Start SESC Regional Best Practices one-day conference planning - See Below.
- Start SESC Regional one-day Leadership Conference planning - See Below.
- Meet with Darin, Carbon SD BA, regarding the 300 series policies in the SESC Policy Manual - Policies will be covered moving forward.

Discussion Items:

- SESC Regional Best Practices Conference - this activity is tentatively scheduled for June 3, 2026 at Green River High School. Mika has requested that John speak with the district principals at the upcoming November Admin meeting.
- SESC Regional Leadership Conference for School/District Administrators - this activity has been tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2026 at Grand High School in Moab. Christine asked that these events take place back to back to enable her team to spend the night and cut down on drive time with possible same locations.

- CUES/SESC Legal Consortium Update - John reviewed the information that he has gathered in regards to a legal consortium with CUES or NUES. The other service centers are not interested in participating at this time. Mika is reluctant to give up her current representation for another legal counsel. John will table this subject for now until he receives additional feedback from the board.
- USDB Services Update - John reviewed the information with the board. He will continue to review USDB meetings for any additional information.
- Legislative Luncheon - John reviewed the contact list, date and topics for the upcoming December legislative luncheon. Time will be spent at the November board meeting to discuss how the board will address SESC Regional priorities.
- UofU CALL-UP - John reviewed information available regarding the overall shortage in Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists and other mental health resources in our state, particularly in the rural areas.

Business/Action Items:

- Proposed Policy Changes
 - 1st Readings
 - Purchasing, Code 301 - John reviewed the changes to the Code 301 Purchasing policy. Mika Salas motioned to approve Code 301 as written. Matthew Keyes seconded the motion. All in favor
 - Procurement, Code 302 - After a brief review of Code 302, Mika Salas suggested that information be added regarding the bid process. Jim Shank recommended that Code 302 be moved to a 2nd reading.
 - Acceptable Use Policy for Technology, Code 228 - Mika Salas moved to accept Code 228 as written & rescind Code 228A & 228B. Christine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor.

Information Items:

- PBS Kids Utah Grant - SESC was awarded the \$500 for the FY '26 fiscal year. The format will be the same as last year.
- Grow Your Own Teacher/Counselor Grant - John is working hard to get all necessary information for Cohort 4 by the deadline of Friday, October 10, 2025. Cohort 5 is coming in Spring of 2026.

Additional Business:

- Mika Salas sent out a big 'Thank You' to John & Dina Wise in regards to the LETRS program in Carbon School District.
- Jim Shank commended John on doing a great support job in Emery School District.
- Christine Fitzgerald echoed the sentiments for San Juan School District.

Adjournment: Mika Salas motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 am.

Next Meeting: November 10, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. - Virtual