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# Closed Executive Session and Business Meeting

(Tuesday, September 2, 2025)

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## **Members present**

Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

## **1. 5:15pm Closed Executive Session for the Purpose of Discussing Litigation. UT Code 52.4.205**

### **Procedural: A. Welcome: President Jennifer Partridge**

Meeting called to order at 5:15pm.

### **Procedural: B. Roll Call** *(Audio Timestamp 00:14)*

Jennifer Partridge, Board President; Gina Hales, Board Vice President; Melanie Hall, Board Member; Lisa Boyce, Board Member; Meg Van Wagenen, Board Member; Emily Harrison, Board Member; Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator, Wendy Dau, Superintendent

### **Action: C. Motion to Convene Study Session** *(Audio Timestamp 00:32)*

I move that we convene a study session.

Motion by Lisa Boyce, second by Melanie Hall.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

Not present at vote: Teri McCabe

**Action: D. Motion to Convene Closed Executive Session**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:47)*

I move that we convene a closed executive session for the purpose of discussing Litigation.

Motion by Lisa Boyce, second by Emily Harrison

*\*Teri McCabe, Board Member arrived at 5:16pm.*

Roll call vote: Jennifer Partridge, Aye; Gina Hales, Aye; Melanie Hall, Aye; Lisa Boyce, Aye; Meg Van Wagenen, Teri McCabe, Aye; Emily Harrison, Aye

**Discussion, Information: E. Litigation**

**Action: F. Motion to Adjourn**

**2. 6:00pm Business Meeting**

**Procedural: A. Welcome: President Jennifer Partridge**

Meeting called to order at 6:04pm

**Procedural: B. Roll Call** *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:13)*

Melanie Hall, Board Member; Emily Harrison, Board Member; Meg Van Wagenen, Board Member; Wendy Dau, Superintendent; Jennifer Partridge, Board Vice President; Gina Hales, Board Member; Teri McCabe, Board Member; Lisa Boyce, Board Member; Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator

Not present: Student Board Members Bailee Lindstrom and Rachel Ryu

**Action: C. Motion to Convene** *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:33)*

I move that we convene our Business Meeting.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Lisa Boyce.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Megan Van Wagenen, Emily Harrison

**Procedural: D. Pledge of Allegiance: Darrell Jensen, Assistant Superintendent Secondary Education** *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:50)*

**Discussion, Information: E. Wasatch Elementary Wall Discussion**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:01:22)*

Summary:

- Review of history
- After the failure, the district hired two independent contractors to help solve the problem
- Proposed blanket drain behind the wall, not sure how far
- Still waiting for a proposal and costs
- When those numbers are available the independent contractors will review
- Working to get it done right and hoping to get it done before weather makes things more difficult
- A motion to approve funds is on the agenda, can vote to wait until we have all the information, there is a regularly scheduled board meeting next week

**Discussion, Information: F. County Property Tax Error Discussion**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:11:48)*

Summary:

- Valuations and tax rate set by county
- Rate goes down when valuations go up (helps to keep things steady, avoids windfalls to school district)
- When we need to increase the district budget (income), it has to be done through public meetings and a public hearing and 'truth in taxation'
- Voted to do so recently as it wouldn't significantly change most people's tax rates and we need the funds to increase salaries and keep good personnel here in Provo
- County found that the valuations had errors, some double counted, higher than was thought
- County error
- Rod Mann, County Auditor, Burt Harvey, Tax Administration Manager
  - [Provo Property Value Error Presentation](#)
- The County is addressing the error by automating one transfer of data issue, also each entity (city, school district) will be able to review it previous to public mailings

### 3. Community Connections

#### **Procedural: A. Public Input** *(Audio Timestamp 00:41:03)*

\*Board Member Megan Van Wagenen needs to leave the meeting for a funeral and will miss the vote. She stated before leaving that if she could vote, she would vote to correct this mistake now.

Summary:

Aaron Wheatley, resident in Provo Peaks area:

- Asked for clarification on 'rainy day fund.'
- He doesn't think it should be used now, for this.
- Thanks for the video explaining the error and process.
- Fix the problem now instead of putting it off, think of future and students and children, should be helping them

Rachel Breen, resident in Westridge area:

- She doesn't approve of kicking the can, take care of the error this year.
- Thanks for the video, mistakes happen, don't dip into the rainy-day fund.

*\*Board Member Meg Van Wagenen left before business items at 6:50pm*

### 4. Business Items

#### **Action: A. Large Purchase Request: Wasatch Elementary School Wall**

*(Audio Timestamp 00:47:05)*

I move that we table the approval process for expenditures for the Wasatch Elementary School Wall until we have both a design for that wall that has been checked by our independent geo-technical contractor as well as the cost of that wall.

Motion by Lisa Boyce, second by Teri McCabe.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Emily Harrison

Not Present at Vote: Megan Van Wagenen

#### **Action: B. County Property Tax Error** *(Audio Timestamp 00:48:44)*

Summary: Discussion regarding questions asked in public comment and board questions for the County Auditors preceded the motion.

*(Audio Timestamp 01:05:51)*

I move that we approve the new rate of .007305 for the new county rate.

Motion by Melanie Hall, second by Gina Hales.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Aye: Melanie Hall, Jennifer Partridge, Gina Hales, Teri McCabe, Lisa Boyce, Emily Harrison

Not Present at Vote: Megan Van Wagenen

## **5. Adjourn**

**Action: A. Motion to Adjourn** *(Audio Timestamp 01:07:41)*

I move we adjourn the business meeting.

Motion by Lisa Boyce, second NONE.