

November 7, 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 (Zoom), Ron Litchfield (Zoom), Rich Morley, Debbie Davis, Royce Van Tassell, Malia Hite, Molly Hart

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

5.1 Public Comment

5.2 American Leadership Academy Waiver Request (Renewal)

Committee Discussion: American Leadership Academy is requesting a waiver renewal under R277-419-4.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve American Leadership Academy's request for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4 and forward to the board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee direct staff to explore options for a standardized model survey to be used by LEAs receiving a 4-day waiver and present that information to the Law and Licensing Committee in April 2026.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve American Leadership Academy's request for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4.

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

Committee Discussion: Three Board members requested that R277-322 be

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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, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Longacre moved that the Committee postpone R277-322 to the December Law and Licensing committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

5.4 R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: Expires 2/10/26. Staff presented R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Longacre moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports, 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 R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

5.5 R277-213, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Request for Licensure Reinstatement and Reinstatement Procedures (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: Expires 3/15/26. Staff presented R277-213, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Request for Licensure Reinstatement and Reinstatement Procedures, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

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Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-213, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Request for Licensure Reinstatement and Reinstatement Procedures, 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 R277-213, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Request for Licensure Reinstatement and Reinstatement Procedures, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

5.6 R277-214, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Criminal Background Review (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: Expires 3/15/26. Staff presented R277-214, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Criminal Background Review, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-214, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Criminal Background Review, 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 R277-214, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC), Criminal Background Review, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

5.7 R277-216, Surrender of License with Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Investigation Pending (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: Expires 2/10/26. Staff presented R277-216, Surrender of License with Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Investigation Pending, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

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Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-216, Surrender of License with Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Investigation Pending, 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 R277-216, Surrender of License with Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Investigation Pending, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

5.8 **R277-600, Student Transportation Standards and Procedures (Amendment)**

Committee Discussion: Staff presented R277-600, Student Transportation Standards and Procedures, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee strike “may not” on Line 194 and insert “might not.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve R277-600, Student Transportation Standards and Procedures, Draft 1, as amended, 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 R277-600, Student Transportation Standards and Procedures, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.