



Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Utah State Capitol, Senate Building Room 210

January 29, 2026

12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

The Utah State Board of Education held a legislative meeting on January 29, 2026. Chair Hymas presided. As authorized by Utah Code Section 52-4, this meeting was held at the Utah State Capitol, Senate Building Room, 350 N State St, Salt Lake City, UT 84114. The public can access the meeting audio via the Utah State Board of Education Media's live YouTube channel. *Note: A live meeting Webcast or Audiocast is typically available while the meeting is in session.*

Members Present

Board Chair Matt Hymas
First Vice-Chair Vacant
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood
Member Rod Hall
Member Christina Boggess
Member Amanda Bollinger
Member Randy Boothe

Member Jennie Earl
Member Sarah Reale
Member Cindy Davis
Member Joann Brinton
Member Joseph Kerry
Member Carol Lear

Members Online

Member Emily Green
Member Cole Kelley

Executive Staff Present

Molly Hart, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent
Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

Others Present:

Kelsey James, Carson Miller, Matthew Winters, Deborah Jacobsen, Ashley Biehl, Vanessa Barnes, John Larsen, Todd Hauber, Lexi Cunningham, Sara Jones, Henry Barrera, Brooke Carn, and Lisa Cluff.

Opening Business

Vice Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 12:03 PM. She welcomed the public and board members to the forum.

Budget Priorities

2026 Legislative Session Budget and Requests for Appropriations Processes and Actions

MOTION was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board update its funding request priorities to read as follows:

1. Para professional K-3 grant. (\$20 million, one-time)
2. K-8 Literacy/Numeracy. (\$9.6 million, ongoing, \$34+ million, one-time)
3. USBE FTE's. (\$3.4+ million, ongoing)
4. Master Pilot Program. (\$4.8 million, one-time)

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Boothe and seconded by Member that the Board add BTS Arts (\$1,728,000, ongoing) as #2 on the priority list.

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The motion carried.

13 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hall, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Brinton, Kerry, and Bollinger.

2 OPPOSED: Members Hymas and Kelley.

MOTION AS AMENDED.

The motion carried.

14 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hall, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Brinton, and Bollinger.

1 OPPOSED: Member Kerry.

Review of Legislation

Legislator Review of Bills

Sen. Chris Wilson, [SB 164 School Construction Amendments](#)

Rep. Ken Ivory, [HB 312 Civics Education Modifications](#)

Rep. Ken Ivory, [HB 317 Social Health in Public Education Curriculum](#)

Adjournment

MOTION was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adjourn.

The motion passed unanimously.

15 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hall, Longacre, Hymas, Boggess, Brinton, Kerry, Green, Lear, and Bollinger.

The meeting adjourned at 1:37 PM.

The Executive Assistant took the minutes.
The minutes are pending approval.

