

MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Online

Anchor Location: 10008 Creek Run Way, Sandy, UT 84070

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Members Present Online:

- Chair Stephanie Speicher
- Vice Chair Erik Olson
- Member Susan Pulsipher
- Member Krystle Bassett
- Member Stacey Hutchings
- Member Clint Biesinger

Member Excused:

- Member Nate Marshall

Staff Present Online:

- Marie Steffensen
- Amber Hellstrom
- Lisa Cooper
- Smriti Dhakal
- Brendan McGinn
- Betty Jimenez
- Amy Pace
- Jenna Magnett

Meeting Begins: 8:02am

Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment: None

Information Item: Executive Director Overview

Interim Executive Director Marie Steffensen provided an overview of the process, history, and steps that can be taken to address concerns outlined in the Accountability Framework adopted by the SCSB. Oversight has been handled differently in past years, based on board requests. The overview provided the current process based on current board preferences.

Closed Session: To discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

(8:16am) Chair Speicher: "I move we enter close session to discuss the character or competence of an individual."

Member Biesinger: "I second."

Roll call vote: Unanimous by all present.

The chair invited staff to join the meeting, as necessary. Specifically, Director Steffensen.

The Board moved into a closed session; this means it is to discuss the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual.

(9:21am) Chair Speicher: "I move that we exit our closed session back into our public meeting."

Member Pulsipher: "I second."

Roll call vote: Unanimous by all present.

Discussion and Action Item: Hawthorn Academy

Vice Chair Olson: "I move that we place Hawthorn Academy on warning status."

Member Hutchings: "I'll second that."

Roll call vote: Unanimous by all present.

Discussion and Action Item: SCSB Policy related to Governing Board training requirements.

Vice Chair Olson: "I move that as a Board, direct staff to formulate a formal policy related to training requirements for charter school boards. And it should include; developing a specific training module for identifying and reporting child sex abuse."

Member Pulsipher: "I'll second."

Motion passes unanimously

Meeting Adjourned: 9:26am