



# Meeting Minutes

## Utah State Board of Education

Utah State Board of Education Board Meeting,  
Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB),  
USBE Work Session, and  
Continued Business from the previous  
meeting on February 5, 2026.  
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on February 6, 2026. Vice Chair Bollinger presided. As authorized by Utah Code 52-4, this meeting was held at the state board offices, 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live YouTube streaming.

### Members Present

First Vice-Chair Amanda Bollinger  
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood  
Member Cole Kelley  
Member Randy Boothe  
Member Cindy Davis  
Member Carol Lear  
Member Joann Brinton

Member Sarah Reale  
Member Jennie Earl  
Member Joseph Kerry  
Member Erin Longacre  
Member Emily Green  
Member Christina Boggess

### Members Absent

Member Rod Hall  
Board Chair Matt Hymas

### Executive Staff Present

Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

### Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

### **Others present**

Angela Doan, Assistant Attorney General, Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent; Darin Nielsen, Assistant Superintendent of the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind; Susan Patton, Assistant Superintendent; David Goff, Dwight Overgaard, Cindy Andersen, Vicky Summers, Kelsey James, Jamie Carter, Jerry Record, Alex Farrah, Stephanie Clancy, and Jonathan Helgesen.

Vice Chair Bollinger called the meeting to order at 1:02 PM.

### **Utah School for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB) Board Meeting**

#### Public Comment for Utah School for the Deaf and Blind (USDB)

The Board heard comments from Jonathan Helgesen and Stephanie Clancy.

- The public may sign up to share public comments at [publiccomment@schools.utah.gov](mailto:publiccomment@schools.utah.gov).
- The public may send written public comments to the Board at [board@schools.utah.gov](mailto:board@schools.utah.gov)
- Public comments are limited to 2 minutes per person.
- A comment can express support or dissent for regulatory action.
- Individuals should refrain from using public comments to complain about personnel issues or attack or defame another individual.
- Speakers making a highly detailed or complex comment should also consider providing a written outline of their words to the Board.
- Please remember that children may hear your comments. Be thoughtful and professional.
- Keep your comments appropriate for a general audience. If you have material with explicit language or content, submit such material in writing to the Board at [board@schools.utah.gov](mailto:board@schools.utah.gov)

#### Monthly USDB Budget Update

USBE Assistant Superintendent of Operations Deborah Jacobson provided board members with a monthly USDB financial update.

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Boggess that the Board approve the FY2026 Utah Schools for the Blind Enrichment Fund Projects as recommended by the Advisory Council.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Green, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Kerry, and Bollinger.

**3 ABSENT:** Members Hymas, Earl, and Hall.

**USDB Committee Standing Committee Report/Recommendations – (Items duplicated from the February 13, 2026, meeting).**

Anaphylaxis Policy (New)

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Anaphylaxis Policy, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Green, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Kerry, and Bollinger.

**3 ABSENT:** Members Hymas, Earl, and Hall.

Emergency Safety Interventions Policy (New)

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Emergency Safety Interventions Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Green, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Kerry, and Bollinger.

3 ABSENT: Members Hymas, Earl, and Hall.

#### Student Conduct and Discipline Policy (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Student Conduct and Discipline Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Green, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Kerry, and Bollinger.

3 ABSENT: Members Hymas, Earl, and Hall.

#### Swimming/Therapy Pool Use Policy (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Swimming/Therapy Pool Use Policy, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Green, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, and Bollinger.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kerry.

3 ABSENT: Members Hymas, Earl, and Hall.

#### Bed Bug Prevention and Response Policy (New)

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Bed Bug Prevention and Response, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Davis, Green, Longacre, Lear, Boggess, Kerry, and Bollinger.

**3 ABSENT:** Members Hymas, Earl, and Hall.

Video Remote Interpreting Policy (Amendment)

**MOTION** was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the Video Remote Interpreting Policy, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**2 ABSENT:** Members Hymas and Hall.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:09 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.  
The minutes are pending approval.

