



# Meeting Minutes

Utah State Board of Education

## UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION LEGISLATIVE MEETING MINUTES

Utah State Capitol, Senate Building Room 210  
February 26, 2026  
12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

The Utah State Board of Education held a legislative meeting on February 26, 2026. Vice Chair Wood 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	Member Jennie Earl
First Vice-Chair Amanda Bollinger	Member Sarah Reale
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood	Member Cindy Davis
Member Rod Hall	Member Joann Brinton
Member Erin Longacre	Member Carol Lear
Member Cole Kelley	

### Members Online

Member Emily Green	Member Joseph Kerry
Member Randy Boothe	Member Christina Boggess

### Executive Staff Present

Molly Hart, State Superintendent  
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent  
Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

### Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

**Others Present:**

Kelsey James, Carson Miller, 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 12:06 PM. She welcomed the public and board members to the forum.

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Davis that the Board directs the Superintendent and Board leadership to clearly convey in writing to EAC the Board's strong concerns about reducing USBE staff positions while simultaneously increasing expectations for the remaining employees because the Board has a desire to meet the legislative expectations.

**The motion carried.**

**10 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hall, Lear, Kelley, Green, and Bollinger.

**3 OPPOSED:** Members Brinton, Hymas, and Longacre.

**1 ABSTAINED:** Member Kerry.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Boggess.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Lear and seconded that the Board add "in writing."

**The motion carried.**

**11 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Boothe, Davis, Earl, Hall, Lear, Kerry, Kelley, Green, and Bollinger.

**3 OPPOSED:** Members Brinton, Hymas, and Longacre.

1 ABSENT: Member Boggess.

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member Lear that the Board direct staff to thank Senator Cullimore for the work on SB 267, Software in Education Amendments and the drafting of the latest substitute. And direct staff to continue working with the sponsor on:

1. Adequate FTE associated with the bill,
2. An extended timeline for implementation, and
3. The creation of a possible work group to study the feasibility of various approaches, such as tiered implementation.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

1 ABSENT: Member Boggess.

#### Funding Bills

- [SB 65](#)—Sen. Fillmore—Minimum Basic Tax Rate Amendments
- [HB 521](#)—Rep. Walter—Public Education Economic Stabilization Restricted Account Amendments
- [5th sub SB 58](#)—Sen. Fillmore—Public School Attendance Amendments (returned to Rules, substituted 2/24)
- [2nd sub SB 62](#)—Sen. Fillmore—School Funding Amendments
- [3rd sub SB 119](#)—Sen. Fillmore—School and Classroom Amendments
- [3rd sub HB 188](#)—Rep. Peck—Juvenile Justice Amendments

## Adjournment

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

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

1 ABSENT: Member Boggess.

The meeting adjourned at 1:42 PM.

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



