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The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format via Zoom and in person.

Members Present: Joseph Kerry, Amanda Bollinger, Rod Hall, Erin Longacre, Carol Lear

Committee Staff: Elisse Newey, Ben Rasmussen, Vanessa Hatton

Others Present: Ashley Biehl, Malia Hite, Joylin Lincoln, Coerina Fife (online), Stan Lockhart, Matt Throckmorton, Shawna Wornick, Scott Jones, Melissa Sauser

Chair Kerry called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

4.1 **Public Comment**

- Shawna Wornick, Nebo School District, spoke to Item #3.3, Cambridge Preparatory Academy Waiver Request

4.2 **Box Elder School District - Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary - Waiver Request (Renewal)**

Committee Discussion: Box Elder School District - Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary - is requesting a waiver renewal under R277-419-4.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve Box Elder School District — Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary — request for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4 and forward to the board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve Box Elder School District — Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary — request for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4.

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4.3 **Cambridge Preparatory Academy Waiver Request (New)**

Committee Discussion: Cambridge Preparatory Academy (CPA) is requesting a waiver renewal under R277-552 to allow CPA to open a year early in August of 2026.

Committee Action: Member Kerry moved that the Committee approve Cambridge Preparatory Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552 and forward to the board for approval.

The motion passed 3-2, with Members Lear and Bollinger in opposition.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve Cambridge Preparatory Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552.

4.4 **Lake Mountain School District Charter School Authorizers Application (New)**

Committee Discussion: Lake Mountain School District is seeking approval to serve as a charter school authorizer pursuant to Utah Code Title 53G, Chapter 5, including §53G-5-205 (authorization by local school boards) and §53G-5-305 (charter authorization procedures).

According to Subsection 53G-5-205(1) a board of trustees of an institution in the state system of higher education is eligible to authorize charter schools. In accordance with R277-552-3 a charter authorizer shall submit the authorizer's transfer process to the Board for approval.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee approve Lake Mountain School District's authorizer processes and forward the processes to the Board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent and Member Bollinger recused.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve Lake Mountain School District's authorizer processes.

4.5 **R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings (Amendment & Continuation)**

Committee Discussion: R277-102 is approaching its five-year review in April.

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Agency counsel reviewed the rule and felt some issues should be addressed to provide clarity to the process on who should be involved with appeals to the Board and timelines for conducting the process. Staff recommends approval of Draft 1.

Staff presented R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings, Continuation, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

4.6 **R277-309, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers (Amendment & Continuation)**

Committee Discussion: R277-309 is approaching its five-year review in June. Staff have reviewed the rule with the LAGG committee and recommend updates to clarify provisions regarding LEA hiring practices and update requirements for educators working with pre-school aged students who have disabilities or are hard of hearing, specifically. Finally, as a result of changes passed during the 2026 session, staff recommend updating provisions on licensure for speech language pathologists and audiologists. Staff recommends approval of Draft 1.

Staff presented R277-309, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee strike Line 58 and insert "teaching supplies and materials under Subsection 53F-2-527(2)."

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee insert after Line 92, "(b) for an educator assigned to teach a career and technical education class, a secondary or a career and technical education license area of concentration with: (i) the appropriate endorsement; or (ii) at least three years of related occupational experience within the relevant career cluster; or

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The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee insert after Line 99, “(b) for an educator assigned to teach a career and technical education class, a secondary or a career and technical education license area of concentration with: (i) the appropriate endorsement; or (ii) at least three years of related occupational experience within the relevant career cluster; or

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee strike Lines 110-113: [~~(b) If an educator is the teacher of record of secondary mathematics for students with disabilities, the educator shall also hold the appropriate endorsement for the course, unless in a co-teaching setting with a general educator who is properly licensed and endorsed].~~

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee insert after Line 153: “(21) Notwithstanding the requirements of Subsections (6) through (9), an educator may be assigned to teach a class in a secondary setting for which the educator does not hold the appropriate endorsement for up to 25% of the educator total instructional assignment, if the educator: (a) holds a current educator license with a professional license area of concentration in: (i) deaf education, (ii) secondary education, or (iii) career and technical education; (b) is not assigned to teach driver education and (c) is qualified to teach the course, as determined by the LEA.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-309, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers, Draft 1, as amended, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-309, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:03 p.m.