

MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 12, 2026

Location: 10008 Creek Run Way, Sandy, UT 84070

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Members Present:

- Chair Stephanie Speicher
- Vice Chair Erik Olson
- Member Susan Pulsipher
- Member Krystle Bassett
- Member Nathan Marshall
- Member Clint Biesinger

Member Excused:

- Member Stacey Hutchings

Staff Present:

- Andrea Jones
- Amber Hellstrom
- Amy Pace
- Smriti Dhakal
- Jenna Magnetti
- Amber Hellstrom
- Brendan McGinn

Staff Excused:

- Marie Steffensen
- Betty Jimenez

Meeting Begins: 10:30 am

Public Comment: None

Executive Director Interviews: The Board held the final two Executive Directors interviews for the Utah State Charter School Board. They interviewed Stacey Hutchings who is a Board Member of the SCSB, as well as the Director of Career Path High, which is a charter school, and Lincoln Fillmore who is a Utah State Senator. They each had their time with the board with rigorous questions and gave their reason for why they would be the best fit to be the next Executive Director of the SCSB.

Closed Session: The Board voted to go into close session. *Purpose: Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual, pursuant to Utah Code §52-4-205.*

Chair Stephanie Speicher made a motion for the board to go into closed session. Vice Chair Erik Olson second the motion. Then Chair Speicher called for a roll call.

Chair Stephanie Speicher: "I'm going to make a motion for us to go into closed session. Could I have a second, please?"

Vice Chair Erik Olson: "I second."

Chair Speicher called for a roll call.

Member Biesinger: "Yes."

Member Bassett: "Yes."

Vice Chair Olson: "Yes."

Member Pulsipher: "Yes."

Member Marshall: "Yes."

Chair Speicher: "Yes."

Potential Action Related to Closed Session Discussion: Chair Speicher made a motion for the board to come out of closed session.

Chair Stephanie Speicher: "I'm gonna make a motion for us to come out of closed session. Could I have a second, please?"

Member Pulsipher: "I second."

Chair Speicher called for a roll call.

Member Biesinger: "Yes."

Member Bassett: "Yes."

Vice Chair Olson: "Yes."

Member Pulsipher: “Yes.”

Member Biesinger: “Yes.”

They did not discuss any further actions related to their closed session.

Discussion and Action Item: Waiver Recommendation Request (APA):

David Sharette from APA came before the board to discuss the waiver recommendation request to open their Eagle Mountain location early. They engaged in questions and ultimately decided to vote on the matter. Chair Speicher called for a motion.

Member Bassett: “I motion we approve the waiver recommendation request for APA.”

Member Pulsipher: “I second.”

All members say “aye” in agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion and Action Item: 2026-2027 Meeting Schedule:

The Board discussed the 2026-2027 drafted meeting schedule and with no one opposing or making any changes they agreed to accept the schedule with a vote. Chair Speicher called for a motion.

Member Marshall: “I motion to accept the calendar for 2026-2027.”

Member Biesinger: “I second.”

All members say “aye” in agreement.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Adjourned: 2 : 3 4 p m