



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 March 12, 2026.
Time: 1:00 to 3:00 PM

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on March 13, 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

Board Chair Matt Hymas	Member Sarah Reale
First Vice-Chair Amanda Bollinger	Member Jennie Earl
Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood	Member Joseph Kerry
Member Cole Kelley	Member Erin Longacre
Member Randy Boothe	Member Emily Green
Member Cindy Davis	Member Joann Brinton
Member Christina Boggess	

Members Absent

Member Rod Hall
Member Carol Lear

Executive Staff Present

Dr. Molly Hart, State Superintendent
Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent
Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent

Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

Others present

Angela Doan, Assistant Attorney General; Deborah Jacobson, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Patton, Assistant Superintendent; David Goff, Dwight Overgaard, Cindy Andersen, Vicky Summers, Vanessa Barnes, Ben Rasmussen, Jerry Record, Alex Farrah, Stephanie Clancy, and Kathleen Carlisle.

Vice Chair Wood called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

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

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

- The public may sign up to share public comments at publiccomment@schools.utah.gov.
- The public may send written public comments to the Board at 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

Monthly USDB Budget Update

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

Fundraising Update

MOTION was made by Member Wood and seconded that the Board requests the USDB Foundation add a Utah State Board of Education board member to the USDB Foundation Board as a voting member.

The motion carried.

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

2 ABSENT: Members Hall and Lear.

MOTION was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board allocate \$250,000 for extracurricular activities for the Utah School for the Deaf (USD) for the remainder of the 2025-26 school year from the \$3 million contingency fund that the board set aside as a buffer.

The motion carried.

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

2 ABSENT: Members Hall and Lear.

(Withdrawn) MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Davis and seconded by Member that the Board agendaize this item for the USDB standing committee meeting to look at future years.

USDB Committee Standing Committee Report/Recommendations – (Items duplicated from the February 10, 2026, meeting).

6.08 Immunization Policy

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the 6.08 Immunization Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

SUBSTITUTE MOTION was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board send the 6.08 Immunization Policy back to the USDB Committee, as amended.

The motion carried.

8 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, and Earl.

4 OPPOSE: Members Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, and Green.

3 ABSENT: Members Hall, Boothe, and Lear.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Wood and seconded by Member Longacre that the Board approve the policy and send the policy back to the USDB Committee for further review.

The motion carried.

10 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Longacre, Kerry, Bollinger, Hymas, and Earl.

2 OPPOSE: Members Boggess and Green.

3 ABSENT: Members Hall, Boothe, and Lear.

5.32 Educator Standards and LEA Reporting

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve 5.32 Educator Standards and LEA Reporting Policy, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Green, Longacre, Boggess, Kerry, Bollinger, Hymas, and Earl.

3 ABSENT: Members Hall, Boothe, and Lear.

2026-2027 Calendar

MOTION was made by Member Wood that the Board approve the 2026-2027 school calendars.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Reale, Brinton, Wood, Kelley, Davis, Green, Longacre, Boggess, Kerry, Bollinger, Hymas, and Earl.

3 ABSENT: Members Hall, Boothe, and Lear.

Utah Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) and Government Records Access and Management Act (GRAMA) Training

In accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act, the Board will receive annual training on the statute, as well as on the Government Records Access and Management Act.

The Open and Public Meetings Act (OPMA) requires that members of a public body be “provided with annual training on the requirements of [the Open and Public Meetings Act]” (Section [52-4-104](#)).

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN was made by Member Kelley and seconded by Member Kerry.

The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 3:38 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.
The minutes were approved on April 2, 2026.

