

School Children's Trust

Quarterly Report - April 2026

Trust Lands Advisory Committee

Direction from Finance Committee

- Review Code and Rule
- Recommend Simplification and Clarification Changes
 - To the Board - adopted changes in December
 - Legislature, as needed
- Continue Working on the Assignment through FY 2027

Board Recommended Legislation - Passed

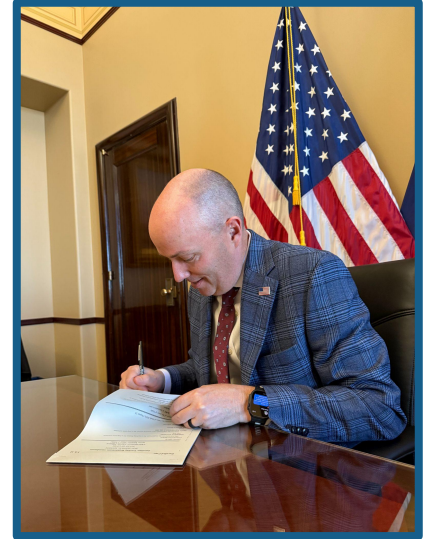
- HB 144 School Community Council Amendments
- SB 43 Land Trusts Protection and Advocacy Office Amendments

Board Recommendations - Did Not Pass

- Charter Boards as Council in First Year of Operation
- Teaching Parents on District Councils - Small Districts

Other Trust Land Legislation

- SB 21 - Geothermal Amendments
- HB 64 - School and Institutional Trust Lands Amendments



Board of Trustees Retiring Members - Six Year Terms

SITFO (Fund Office) Board of
Trustees
David Zucker



TLA (Land Administration)
Board of Trustees
Bryan Harris



Beneficiary Land Exchange

Public School Trust and University of Utah Trust

Background

Utah FORGE

Frontier Observatory for Research in Geothermal Energy

Lease on **School Trust Lands**

Exchange **School Lands** for **UofU Trust Lands**

Exchange of Assets

Proposal

Appraisal for 1159.27 acres

UofU will pay ≈ \$1,432,000

- To the **Public School Trust Permanent Fund**
- To transfer land ownership **to UofU Trust**



School LAND Trust Final Reports

- Report on Plan Implementation
- Expenditures - Entered in UPEFS
- Report to the Board that approved them
- Expenditures are the official record
- Due March 1 - R277-477
- Board exemption for FY 2025 Reports to March 20

Completion to Date

2025-2026 Compliance Monitoring Summary

01	Comprehensive Review	<p>Risk-based review (22 LEAs planned; ~10 to be completed)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reflects significant support needs identified across LEAs, as well as additional program priorities and unforeseen issues• Full data report of completed LEAs to be presented to Board in June• 2026 Adjustment: Shift to smaller, targeted reviews across more LEAs
02	Focused Review: Council Election Documents & School Websites	<p>Focus: LEA oversight of election procedures + website reporting requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Training-first approach, followed by compliance check• Sample sizes: 119 schools (website postings), 74 schools (Rules of Order), 43 schools (election procedures)• Key finding: Remains a high-risk area for LEA oversight responsibilities
03	Focused Review: Excessive Carryover	<p>Major improvement from prior year due to new “fund loss” policy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 160 noncompliant schools FY25 → 86 in FY26<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 53 in Year 1 (training + plan amendments)◦ 33 in Year 2 (funds allocated to compliant schools, districts only)• Result: Increased accountability and better fund utilization
04	Other	<p>Targeted reviews based on hotline complaints and emerging issues. Continued emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Collaboration with LEAs first• CAPs (Corrective Action Plans) when necessary• Expanded training support

Questions?

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