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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, Lisa McLachlan, Royce Van Tassell, Jake Hunt, David Sharette, Julie Clark, Stephanie Patton,

Chair Kerry called the meeting to order at 9:14 a.m.

### 5.1 Public Comment

### 5.2 Chair's Report on Law and Licensing UPPAC Meetings

**Committee Discussion:** None. This item was moved to the May Law and Licensing Committee meeting.

**Committee Action:** None.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** None.

### 5.3 4-Day Waiver Model Survey Update

**Committee Discussion:** From the November 7, 2025, Law and Licensing Meeting: Member Hall moved that the Committee direct staff to explore options for a standardized model survey to be used by LEAs receiving a 4-day waiver and present that information to the Law and Licensing Committee in April 2026.

**Committee Action:** None.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** None.

### 5.4 Lincoln Academy Waiver Request (New)

**Committee Discussion:** Lincoln Academy is requesting a new waiver from R277-

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552-6(9), Charter School Timelines and Approval Process.

**Committee Action:** Member Lear moved that the Committee direct staff to bring R277-552 to the Committee during the May or June Committee meeting.

The motion passed without objection.

**Committee Action:** Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve Lincoln Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552-6(9) and forward to the board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** That the Board approve Lincoln Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552-6(9).

#### 5.5 American Preparatory Academy - Eagle Mountain Satellite Waiver Request (New)

**Committee Discussion:** American Preparatory Academy — Eagle Mountain Satellite — is requesting a new waiver from R277-552-3(1), Charter School Timelines and Approval Process.

**Committee Action:** Member Longacre moved that the Committee direct staff to bring an amendment to R277-121 to require a charter authorizer to attend a committee meeting in which the waiver of a charter school is considered.

The motion passed unanimously.

**Committee Action:** Member Hall moved that the Committee approve American Preparatory Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552-3(1) and forward to the board for approval.

**Committee Action:** Member Lear moved to amend Member Hall's motion by adding: "subject to the committee receiving an answer to their questions by April 13."

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Bollinger recused.

**Committee Action:** Member Hall moved that the Committee approve American Preparatory Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552-3(1) and forward to the board for approval subject to the committee receiving an answer to their

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requests by April 13th.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Bollinger recused.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** That the Board approve American Preparatory Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552-3(1).

#### **5.6 R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program (Amendment & Continuation)**

**Committee Discussion:** Staff recommend amending the rule to reduce the number of endorsements as requested by the Board and eliminating the Dual Language Immersion Endorsement. R277-488 is also expiring on 8/19/26, so staff are recommending that the Board continue the rule in addition to considering the amendments.

Staff presented R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

**Committee Action:** Member Lear moved that the Committee amend Line 61 by adding "overnight" before "travel."

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Kerry absent.

**Committee Action:** Member Lear moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program, 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 Kerry absent.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** That the Board continue and approve R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

#### **5.7 R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program (Amendment & Continuation)**

**Committee Discussion:** Staff recommend the following revisions due to the passage of H.B.163 Grow Your Own Educator Pipeline Program Amendments and SB 34, Public Education Revisions. This draft clarifies that only apprentices qualify

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for 4 semesters of FTE assistance and updates language on stipends for candidate mentors. R277-320 is expiring on 7/20/26, so staff also recommend that the Board continue the rule.

Staff presented R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

**Committee Action:** Member Bollinger moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program, 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 R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

#### 5.8 R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy (Amendment)

**Committee Discussion:** Staff recommend the revisions in Draft 1 due to the passage of SB 34, Public Education Revisions, in the 2026 Session which changed the name of the program from "Catalyst Center Grant Program" to "The Applied Educational Experience Grant Program" and amended associated provisions regarding eligibility for and use of program funds. Additionally, the bill changed the code reference for this program and Draft 1 reflects this change.

Staff presented R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

**Committee Action:** Member Longacre moved that the Committee approve R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Hall absent.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** That the Board approve R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

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**5.9 R277-322, Local Education Agency (LEA) Codes of Conduct (Amendment)**

**Committee Discussion:** Under the current draft of the rule, every school district and charter school must establish a code of conduct that is no less stringent than the Board's model policy, directly prohibiting physical, verbal, mental, and sexual abuse, as well as establishing clear parameters to prevent inappropriate boundary violations. Furthermore, R277-322 currently requires LEAs to set stringent guidelines for electronic and social media communications, mandate the immediate reporting of suspected child abuse or neglect, and ensure that all staff members undergo annual training and sign written acknowledgments committing to these ethical standards.

Staff presented R277-322, Local Education Agency (LEA) Codes of Conduct, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

**Committee Action:** Member Longacre moved that the Committee postpone R277-322, Local Education Agency (LEA) Codes of Conduct, until the May Law and Licensing Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Kerry absent.

**MOTION FOR THE BOARD:** None.

**Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 11:13 a.m.