



# Meeting Minutes

## Utah State Board of Education

A regular meeting of the Utah State Board of Education was held on April 2, 2026, and was scheduled to start at 9:00 AM. Chair Hymas presided. As authorized by Utah Code Section 52-4, this meeting was held at the state board offices, located at 250 E. 500 S, Salt Lake City, Utah. The public can view the discussion through live [YouTube](#) streaming.

### Members Present

Board Chair Matt Hymas

First Vice-Chair Vacant

Second Vice-Chair LeAnn Wood

Member Christina Boggess

Member Amanda Bollinger

Member Randy Boothe

Member Joann Brinton

Member Rod Hall

Member Jennie Earl

Member Sarah Reale

Member Emily Green

Member Cole Kelley

Member Joseph Kerry

Member Carol Lear

Member Cindy Davis

### Executive Staff Present

Molly Hart, State Superintendent

Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent

Elisse Newey, Deputy Superintendent

Leah Voorhies, Deputy Superintendent

### Minutes were taken by:

Cybil Prideaux, Executive Assistant

### Others Present

Lexi Cunningham, Ginger Casper, Jamie Renda, Shauna Warwick, Jake Hunt, David Sharette, Jerry Record, Aaron Brough, Greg Connell, Jennifer Wadsworth, Alex Farrah, Carson Miller, Jamie Workman, Royce Van Tassel, Malia Hite, Amy Hunt, Ashley Biehl, David Vasquez, Angela Doan, and Deborah Jacobsen.

### Opening Business

Chair Hymas called the meeting to order at 9:01 AM. Member Kelley led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Member Message**

Member Jennie Earl shared the monthly message.

### **Employee Recognition**

Superintendent Hart announced Ashley Pistello as the Employee of the Month.

### **Acknowledgment of Student Artwork**

Jamie Workman shared the monthly student artwork. Representing the Utah State University Region through the Beverley Taylor Sorenson (BTS Arts) Arts Endowed Program, this collection highlights high-level arts integration across River Heights, Lake View, Sunrise, and Edith Bowen Lab School. These projects, including the Art in Transit bus design and TEAL Gallery exhibits, demonstrate the BTS Arts program's philosophy by weaving visual arts into essential subjects like mathematics, literacy, and science. From exploring geometry through mandalas to applying linguistic prepositions and geological observations to painting, these schools exemplify how the BTS Arts program fosters deep, cross-disciplinary learning for Utah students.

### **Public Comment for USBE**

The Board heard from Douglas Hendricks, Ginger Casper, Jennifer Partridge, Julie Cluff, Dianne Ricci, and Madeleine Lee.

- The public may sign up to share public comments at [publiccomment@schools.utah.gov](mailto:publiccomment@schools.utah.gov).
- The public may send written public comments to the Board at [board@schools.utah.gov](mailto: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](mailto:board@schools.utah.gov)

**Finance Committee Report/Recommendations** - (Items duplicated from the March 13, 2026, meeting.)

R277-601, Standards for School Buses and Operations (Continuation)

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis that the Board continue R277-601, Standards for School Buses and Operations.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

Update to the LEA Annual Assurances Document

**MOTION** was made by Member Davis that the Board approve the LEA Annual Assurances document.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Lear that the Board remove the assurance items identified in green from the LEA Annual Assurances Report.

**The motion carried.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton, and Bollinger.

**1 OPPOSE:** Member Boggess.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Kerry and seconded that the Board add “with the exceptions of numbers 81-91.”

**The motion carried.**

**8 IN FAVOR:** Members Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Green, Hall, Kerry, Brinton, and Boggess.

**6 OPPOSE:** Members Boothe, Reale, Wood, Hymas, Lear, and Bollinger.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

#### **MOTION, AS AMENDED**

**The motion carried.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Hall, Brinton, and Bollinger.

**2 OPPOSE:** Members Boggess and Kerry.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

**Law and Licensing Committee Report/Recommendations** – (Items duplicated from the March 13, 2026, meeting.)

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

**MOTION** was made by Member Kerry that the Board Box Elder School District — Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary — request for a waiver renewal from R277-419-4.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**14 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

Cambridge Preparatory Academy Waiver Request (New)

**MOTION WITHDRAWN from the school** that the Board approve Cambridge Preparatory Academy's request for a waiver from R277-552.

Lake Mountain School District Charter School Authorizers Application (New)

**MOTION** was made by Member Kerry that the Board approve Lake Mountain School District's authorizer processes.

**The motion carried.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, and Hall.

**2 ABSTAINED:** Members Kerry and Bolinger.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings (Amendment & Continuation)

**MOTION** was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**14 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

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

**MOTION** was made by Member Kerry that the Board continue and approve R277-309, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**14 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

**Standards and Assessment Committee Report/Recommendations** - (Items duplicated from the March 13, 2026, meeting.)

Health Education Standards Update - Success Sequence

**MOTION** was made by Member Earl that the Board approve the Health Education Standards on “success sequence”.

**The motion carried.**

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

**1 OPPOSED:** Member Boggess.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

### 2026 Board Meeting Schedule

**MOTION** was made by Member Hymas and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board approve the amendment of the December meeting date to the 2026 meeting schedule, as presented.

- Current Meeting Dates: December 3–4, 2026.
- Proposed Meeting Dates: December 10–11, 2026.
  
- Current USDB Committee Meeting Date: December 8, 2026.
- Proposed USDB Committee Meeting Date: December 15, 2026

**The motion failed.**

**3 IN FAVOR:** Members Earl, Bollinger, and Longacre.

**11 OPPOSE:** Members Boggess, Lear, Kerry, Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Hymas, Green, Brinton, and Hall.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

### Consent Calendar

**MOTION** was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve the consent calendar, minus Item 9.4: Meeting Schedule.

#### Approval of Contracts/Agreements

**MOTION** was made to approve the contracts.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

**MOTION** was made to approve the meeting minutes as presented.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**14 IN FAVOR:** Members Boggess, Reale, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**1 ABSENT:** Member Davis.

#### 2027 Board Meeting Schedule

**MOTION** was made that the Board approve the 2027 Board Meeting Schedule, as amended.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Hall.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Green that the Board move the following:

1. Move ~~April~~, September, and December Board meetings to the first Thursday and Friday of the month.
2. Move the March meeting to the 11th and 12th and for April to remain on the second week of April.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

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

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Hall.

**MOTION TO AMEND** was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Green that the Board move the March meeting to the 11th and 12th and for April to remain on the second week of April.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Boggess, Wood, Kelley, Boothe, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Reale and Davis.

## **Monthly Budget Report**

### Monthly Budget Report

In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education provides a report on the status of funds for its internal budgets.

### Discretionary Funds Report

The Utah State Board of Education maintains a Discretionary Funds account. In accordance with the Money Management Act and the Budgetary Procedures Act, the Utah State Board of Education is provided with the status of the funds.

## **Executive Session (closed in accordance with the Utah Open and Public Meetings Act)**

The motion was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board move into executive session for the purpose of

- a person's character, competence, or health;
- pending or imminent litigation;
- certain matters regarding the acquisition or sale of real property, including water rights or shares;

- the deployment of security personnel, devices, or systems;
- an investigation of alleged criminal conduct;
- the receipt or review of an ethics complaint if the public body is the Independent Legislative Ethics Commission;
- certain matters under the jurisdiction of a legislative ethics committee; and
- certain deliberations and decision-making involved in the procurement process.

Upon the voice vote of Members Lear, Reale, Boggess, Kerry, Wood, Lear, Brinton, Earl, Green, Longacre, Hymas, Kelley, and Bollinger, the Board entered a closed session at 12:55 PM.

The following individuals were also present: Molly Hart, Elisse Newey, Scott Jones, Cybil Prideaux, Ashley Biehl, Angela Doan, and Ben Rasmussen.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board come out of the executive session.

Upon voice votes of Members Lear, Reale, Boggess, Boothe, Kerry, Wood, Lear, Brinton, Earl, Green, Longacre, Hymas, Davis, Kelley, and Bollinger, the Board came out of the executive session at 4:10 PM.

### **Executive Session Action Items**

#### Educator Licenses

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve the consent calendar.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

UPPAC Cases for Review/Action

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board shares the hearing recording and exhibits for Case No. 24-2144 with the Board before the May board meeting, upon approval of both parties.

**The motion carried.**

**10 IN FAVOR:** Members Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Hymas, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 OPPOSE:** Members Lear and Reale.

**1 ABSTAIN:** Member Boggess.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve

- Case No. 24-2170

UPPAC recommends the educator's license be suspended for not less than five (5) years.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board adopt a remand order with a one-year suspension in UPPAC Case No. 24-2196.

**The motion carried.**

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

**1 OPPOSE:** Member Lear.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board refer Case No. 25-2192 back to UPPAC for further investigation.

**The motion carried.**

**12 IN FAVOR:** Members Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**1 OPPOSE:** Member Reale.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

**MOTION** was made by Member Boggess and seconded by Member Kerry that the Board approve

- Case No. 25-2303
- UPPAC recommends the educator's license be suspended for not less than four (4) years.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

### **Committee Appointments**

#### Utah Special Education Advisory Panel (USEAP) Committee Appointments

Michael Martinez

- Representative of Juvenile Justice Services (JJYS)
- Duration: 2.5-year term.

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

#### USDB School Community Council

- McKenzie VanValkenburg
- Lynell Smith

Duration: Two-year term.

Role: Up to eight non-voting members representing each USDB campus program that will assist in developing the annual School Land Trust Plan and supporting the Advisory Council in their capacity as the School Community Council for the USDB

**The motion passed unanimously.**

**13 IN FAVOR:** Members Reale, Wood, Kelley, Earl, Longacre, Lear, Hymas, Boggess, Green, Brinton, Bollinger, Hall, and Kerry.

**2 ABSENT:** Members Davis and Boothe.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Brinton.

The meeting adjourned at 4:28 PM.

The executive assistant took the meeting minutes.  
The minutes are pending approval.

