

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-800, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (Amendment & Continuation)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-800, Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind, Draft 3 on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:**Summary of the Rule:**

This rule establishes governance, operational requirements, and service parameters for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind (USDB), including provisions related to student services, enrollment, reporting, and program administration.

Staff is also recommending continuation of the rule at this time to ensure that the rule does not expire.

Reason for Proposed Changes: Staff are suggesting the revisions in Draft 1 due to the passage of HB 448 Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind Amendments. Legislative changes require updates to ensure alignment with current statute governing USDB operations, reporting requirements, and oversight responsibilities. Changes included updates to statutory citations for accuracy and consistency with current law; incorporating provisions related to Board oversight of capital facilities planning; clarifying reporting requirements and align them with statutory directives; adding and revising definitions for clarity; and making technical and conforming changes to improve clarity and consistency throughout the rule. Staff will present R277-800, Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art X Sec 3](#); [53E-3-401\(4\)](#); [53E-8-204](#); [53E-8-402](#); [53E-8-409](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-800 - Draft 2- May 2026 Board

2. R277-800 - Draft 1 - April 2026 Committee
3. R277-800 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form