

DRAFT MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 6, 2026 | 11:00 a.m. | 450 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Ann Millner, Chair
Sen. Heidi Balderree
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Michael K. McKell
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Members Absent:

Sen. John D. Johnson

Staff Present:

Finn Rose, Managing Policy Analyst
Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Amy Hawkes, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Millner called the meeting to order at 11:03 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2026, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson

2. Review the Proposed Appointment of Brooke MacNaughtan as a member of the Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees

Brooke MacNaughtan introduced herself, discussed her background and qualifications, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Brooke MacNaughtan as a member of the Southwest Technical College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. J. Johnson

3. Review the Proposed Reappointment of Tamara Tran as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees

Tamara Tran introduced herself, discussed her background and experience as a board member, and responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. McKell moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the reappointment of Tamara Tran as a member of the Davis Technical Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0Absent - 1

Sen. J. Johnson

4. Review the Proposed Reappointment of Brandon Howard as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees

Brandon Howard introduced himself, discussed his background and experience as a board member, and responded to questions from the committee.

President Darin Brush, Davis Technical College, spoke in favor of the reappointments of Tamara Tran and Brandon Howard.

MOTION: Sen. Balderree moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the reappointment of Brandon Howard as a member of the Davis Technical College Board of Trustees. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0Absent - 1

Sen. J. Johnson

5. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. H. Balderree
Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. M. McKell
Sen. A. Millner
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0Absent - 1

Sen. J. Johnson

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 11:44 a.m.