**MINUTES OF THE UTAH STATE CHARTER SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**Thursday, May 14, 2026**

**10008 Creek Run Way, Sandy, UT, 84070**

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**Members Present:**

- Vice Chair Erik Olson
- Member Susan Pulsipher
- Member Krystle Bassett (virtually)
- Member Clint Biesinger
- Member Nathan Marshall

**Members Excused and Not Present:**

- Chair Stephanie Speicher

**Staff Present:**

- Stacey Hutchings
- Lincoln Fillmore
- Andrea Jones
- Amber Hellstrom
- Lisa Cooper-Loock
- Smriti Dhakal
- Betty Jimenez
- Amy Pace
- Brendan McGinn

**Staff Not Present:**

- Jenna Magnetti

**Others Present:**

- USBE Liaison Rod Hall (virtually)
- AAG Darin Goff (virtually)

**Public Comment (0)**

**(9:00AM) MEETING BEGINS**

**Consent Calendar**

Board Member Nathan Marshall: "I move to approve the consent calendar."

Member Susan Pulsipher: "I will second."

All members present say "Aye." Motion passed unanimously.

**Executive Director Report**

Executive Director Stacey Hutchings provided her report, highlighting several key activities and accomplishments over the past period. She shared insights from the Bold by Choice conference she attended, noting the valuable learning opportunities and innovative practices that could support continued growth and improvement.
Executive Director Hutchings also discussed ongoing efforts to strengthen relationships with the Utah State Board of Education (USBE), emphasizing the importance of collaboration and open communication in advancing shared educational goals.
In her report, she celebrated schools across the system for their achievements, recognizing both academic successes and the dedication of students, staff, and leaders. She additionally acknowledged the milestone of high school graduations, noting that members of the SCSB and the Board would be attending ceremonies to honor and support graduating students throughout the region.

**Report to the Board: Training Overview**

SCSB team member Amy Pace presented to the Board, providing a detailed overview of the various trainings the team had participated in as well as those they had helped facilitate. She highlighted numerous partnerships with external organizations, emphasizing how these collaborations had expanded opportunities to support charter schools and their leaders. Ms. Pace explained how these joint efforts had strengthened professional development offerings, built leadership capacity, and provided targeted resources to meet the evolving needs of schools. Overall, her presentation demonstrated the SCSB's commitment to continuous improvement and its proactive approach to fostering strong, effective charter school communities.

**Report to the Board: Accountability Framework – 1st year implementation**

SCSB team members Lisa Cooper-Loop, Brendan McGinn, and Smriti Dhakal provided an update to the Board on the Accountability Framework, focusing on the progress made during its first year of implementation. They outlined the purpose and structure of the framework and shared insights into how it had been applied across schools.
The team discussed key successes, including increased clarity in performance expectations and more consistent data use to support decision-making. They also addressed challenges encountered during the

initial rollout and the lessons learned through the process. Additionally, they highlighted feedback received from schools and how it was being used to refine and strengthen the framework moving forward. Overall, their update reflected a thoughtful and purposeful first year of implementation, with a continued focus on improvement and stakeholder support.

**Board Committee Reports: Authorization Committee, Oversight Committee, Innovation Committee, Legislative Committee**

Board committees provided reports to the Board, with representatives from each committee sharing updates on the work they had completed over the past month as well as priorities and goals for the coming months. The updates reflected ongoing efforts to support governance, strengthen oversight, and advance key initiatives aligned with the Board's mission.
During the discussion, Board members and Executive Director Stacey Hutchings noted that committee assignments would be changing in the near future due to transitions in Board membership. With some members departing and three new Board members joining, adjustments to committee structures and participation were anticipated to ensure continued effectiveness and balanced representation across committees.

**Discussion and Possible Action Item: SCSB Bylaws**

Vice Chair Olson presented proposed updates to the SCSB bylaws, noting that the changes primarily consisted of minor cleanup and clarifying edits. The Board engaged in discussion regarding the revisions, asking questions and providing feedback on the updates. Following the discussion, the Board voted to approve and accept the bylaws with the proposed changes.

Board Member Clint Biesinger: "I motion to approve the bylaws with the updates and changes made to the bylaws ."

Member Susan Pulsipher: "I will second."

All members present say "Aye." Motion passed unanimously.

**Discussion and Action Item: FY 2027 Budget**

The Finance Committee presented the proposed FY2027 SCSB budget to the Board. Committee member Biesinger spoke first, introducing the proposal and outlining key components of the budget. Executive Director Stacey Hutchings and Lisa Cooper-Loop then provided additional details, explaining the information behind the proposal as well as any updates and changes that had been made. The Board engaged in discussion regarding the budget before voting to approve the FY2027 budget for the SCSB.

Board Member Clint Biesinger: "I motion to approve the FY 2027 budget."

Member Susan Pulsipher: “I will second.”

All members present say “Aye.” Motion passed unanimously.

**(11:46AM) ADJOURN**