

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: Legislative Priorities

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

That the Board take action on the 2027 Legislative Priorities.

Purpose of Memo:

Recommended by leadership

Background:

During the board meeting held on June 5, 2026, the following action occurred:

MOTION was made by Member Bollinger and seconded by Member Boothe that the Board include the following as legislative priorities for 2027:

- Appropriate funding formulas for ~~all students~~ special education
- Prioritize WPU Increases over line-item programs
- Provide ongoing funding to support early literacy and/or mathematics

MOTION was made by Member Earl and seconded by Member Bollinger that the Board amend to strike “all students” and replace with “special education”

The motion carried.

11 IN FAVOR: Members Brinton, Wood, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

1 ABSTAINED: Member Kelley.

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member Kelley that the Board amend to add to the list “UPPAC Reform.”

MOTION TO AMEND was made by Member Kerry and seconded by Member that the Board add to the list “Free Speech Protections in Public Schools.”

MOTION TO POSTPONE was made by Member Bollinger and seconded that the Board postpone this discussion to July 9, 2026, Board Workshop.

The motion passed unanimously.

12 IN FAVOR: Members Kelley, Brinton, Wood, Davis, Longacre, Bollinger, Earl, Boggess, Hymas, Kerry, Boothe, and Lear.

During the Board workshop on July 10, 2026, the Board decided to continue the discussion of legislative priorities at the Board meeting scheduled for today, August 6.

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Attachments:

None