

August 7, 2026

Utah State Board of Education

The meeting was conducted in a hybrid format via Zoom and in person.

Members Present: Joseph Kerry, Amanda Bollinger, Rod Hall, Erin Longacre, Carol Lear (online)

Committee Staff: Elisse Newey, Ben Rasmussen, Vanessa Hatton

Others Present: Malia Hite, Max Lang, Lora Cooper, Lisa McLachlan, Nicole Sanchez, Jeremy Zabriskie, Andrea Rorrer, Quinn Kellis, Elizabeth Quist, Josh Black, Debbie Davis, Royce Van Tassell, Ashley Lower, Krisanne Lewis, Shauntelle Cota, Ashley Pistello, Rhett Larsen, Willie Chen

Chair Kerry called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m.

3.1 Public Comment

- Felix Espinoza spoke to USBE's Legislative Request Form titled "Parameters for Sex Offenders Being on School Property or Attending School Sponsored Activities"

3.2 Amendment to Master Data Sharing Agreement with Utah Education Policy Center (USBE210089MA Amd. 2)

Committee Discussion: The Utah State Board of Education (USBE) has had a long-standing data sharing relationship with the Utah Education Policy Center (UEPC), which data sharing is documented in the current master data sharing agreement USBE210089MA. Under this agreement, UEPC conducts program evaluation and research on education programs in the state. USBE currently has several interagency agreements with UEPC for the purpose of program evaluation, most of which rely on this master data sharing agreement for the data sharing necessary to conduct the program evaluations.

Amendment 2 would extend USBE's master data sharing agreement with UEPC for one year. If approved by the Board, staff will work with the Utah Education Policy Center over the coming year to draft a new, updated agreement with the center.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve the second amendment to the master data sharing agreement with the Utah Education Policy Center (USBE210089MA Amd. 2) and forward to the Board for approval.

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The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve the second amendment to the master data sharing agreement with the Utah Education Policy Center (USBE210089MA Amd. 2).

3.3 Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission (UPPAC) Update

Committee Discussion: This information item will provide an overview of the final decision-making process in UPPAC matters, including the role of the Attorney General's Office in supporting Board review and final action.

Committee Action: None.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

3.4 Alcott Learning EPP Application

Committee Discussion: USBE staff received an application from Alcott Learning, a for-profit business entity, to be an approved APPEL program. R277-303 does not contain provision for approval of a for-profit business entity. Staff requests that the Board review Alcott's request and provide direction on whether the rule should be amended to include this type of entity. Additionally, Alcott Learning requests the committee approve their program application.

Committee Action: Member Kerry moved that the Committee approve Alcott Learning to be an approved Educator Preparation Program, and recommend approval by the Board.

The motion failed 4-1, with Member Kerry in favor.

Committee Action: Member Longacre moved that the Committee continue this item to its September Committee meeting and invite the applicant to revise its application in light of the concerns discussed.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Lear absent.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

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3.5 R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: During the September 2025 Board meeting, the Board directed staff to initiate a comprehensive revision of the Utah School Leadership Standards. A writing committee including representatives from most stakeholder groups was formed in November 2025 and met monthly to draft the proposed leadership standards. Public feedback was received in April, 2026. The proposed DRAFT Educational Leadership Standards reflect the writing committee's work and public feedback.

Staff presented R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards, Draft 1, for consideration and approval. Draft 1 incorporates the new Educational Leadership Standards.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-330, Utah Effective Educator Standards, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.6 R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Staff recommend amending R277-305 to remove the oversight category and to update language on program competencies for school administrators. Under the proposed language, the Superintendent would prepare program competencies consistent with the Effective Administrator Standards in R277-330.

Staff presented R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve R277-305, School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-305,

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School Leadership License Areas of Concentration and Programs,
Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.7 R277-106, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Appointment (Continuation)

Committee Discussion: R277-106 is soon approaching its five-year review. Staff recommend continuation of the rule. The rule may be revisited after the internal audit and OLAG audits of UPPAC are complete.

Staff presented R277-106, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Appointment, for continuation.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee continue R277-106, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Appointment, and forward to the Board for continuation on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue R277-106, Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Appointment, on second and final reading.

3.8 R277-116, Audit Procedure (Continuation)

Committee Discussion: R277-116 is soon approaching its five-year review. Staff recommend continuation of the rule. Also, there is one technical, non-substantive change made to the document.

Staff presented R277-116, Audit Procedure, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-116, Audit Procedure, Draft 1, and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-116, Audit Procedure, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

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3.9 R277-323, Public Educator Evaluation (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Staff recommend amending R277-323 to reflect updates in 2026 SB 241.

Staff presented R277-323, Public Educator Evaluation, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve R277-323, Public Educator Evaluation, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-323, Public Educator Evaluation, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.10 R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications (Continuation)

Committee Discussion: R277-324 is soon approaching its five-year review. Staff recommend continuation of the rule.

Staff presented R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee continue R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications, and forward to the Board for continuation on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue R277-324, Paraprofessional/Paraeducator Programs, Assignments, and Qualifications, on second and final reading.

3.11 Approval of ParaPathways

Committee Discussion: One of the board-approved paraprofessional assessments (R277-324(5)(1)(c)- ParaPro) is being updated at the end of

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September 2026, the company Educational Testing Service (ETS) which will separate the course assessments into Reading and Math. The new assessment is called ParaPathways.

Staff presented ParaPathways, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve the ParaPathways assessment from ETS for qualification of paraprofessionals and adopt ETS's recommended passing scores for reading and writing and mathematics and forward to the Board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve the ParaPathways assessment from ETS for qualification of paraprofessionals and adopt ETS's recommended passing scores for reading and writing and mathematics.

3.12 R277-487, Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: This agenda item is brought forward pursuant to USBE Board Bylaws Article VII, Section 5, following a formal Board Member Request submitted on July 11, 2026, by Committee Chair/Board Member Kerry, co-sponsored by Board Members Brinton and Hall. The requesters seek to amend Board Rule R277-487 to establish a clear requirement that all student data collected, processed, or stored by or on behalf of Utah public schools, LEAs, or the State Board must be hosted exclusively within the United States and subject to U.S. federal and state law. In order to facilitate an in-depth and well researched approach to this topic, the committee will consider this item in both August and September committee meetings.

Staff presented R277-487, Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee move this item to the September Law and Licensing Committee meeting.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

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3.13 R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Changes to the requirements for seclusion rooms require amendments to the rule.

Staff presented R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee remove “school personnel, the family, and” from Line 138 and change “have” to “has” on Line 138, and that “emergency safety” be added to Line 143 before “intervention.”

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment, Draft 1, as amended, on first reading and forward to the Board for approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-608, Emergency Safety Interventions and Prohibition of Corporal Punishment, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

3.14 Audit Committee Statutory Change Requests

Committee Discussion: In the May 2026 Audit Committee meeting, the Internal Audit Department (IAD) sought feedback from the Audit Committee regarding if statutory change requests should be completed for several areas of risk identified by the IAD. Responsive to Audit Committee direction, IAD provided statutory change request forms at the June 2026 Audit Committee meeting, which the Committee then discussed and passed the following motion:

That the Committee recommend the legislative session requests listed below be sent to Board Leadership for inclusion on a standing committee agenda in August 2026:

- Trespass from School Property
- Sex Offenders at School Sponsored Activities
- LEA Internal Audit

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Committee Action: None.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

3.15 School Safety Dashboard

Committee Discussion: Per Utah Code Section 53G-6-806: Parent Portal, USBE is required to display school safety data by July 1, 2028. The School Safety Center has put together a series of recommendations to include in the legislatively mandated School Safety Dashboard. In December 2024, the Board approved \$1.5M for the School Safety Dashboard. In January, 2025, the School Security Task Force passed a motion to approve \$1.5M in matching funds from the General Grants appropriation in H.B. 84 (2024) for USBE to develop the School Safety Dashboard. The School Safety Center has partnered with Safe Schools for Alex to create the School Safety Dashboard. USBE School Safety and Student Support staff spent 2 months working in specialized workgroups to create recommendations to share with the Board regarding the items to include in the school safety dashboard.

Staff presented the proposed items to the committee.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee move forward all legally required data elements to the full board and send all recommended data elements to the next Administration and Transparency Task Force meeting (9/16/2026) for review and discussion and to send their recommendations to the full board.

The motion passed 4-1, with Member Kerry opposed.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve the legally required data elements from the proposed school safety dashboard, Version 2.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.