

UTAH STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Subject:

ACTION: R277-117, Utah State Board of Education Ethics Amendments (New)

Agenda item type:

Action Item

Recommended Action:

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve R277-117, Utah State Board of Education Ethics Amendments, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

Purpose of Memo:

Result of legislative action

Background:**Background**

During the 2026 General Session, the Legislature passed H.B. 194 Utah State Board of Education Ethics Amendments, which enacted Title 53E, Chapter 3, Part 13, establishing a comprehensive ethics framework for members of the Utah State Board of Education. The legislation creates an Independent Ethics Commission, establishes a code of official conduct, outlines procedures for ethics complaints and disciplinary actions, and requires annual ethics training and conflict of interest disclosures for Board members.

Summary of the Proposed Rule

R277-117 is proposed to implement the administrative responsibilities assigned to the Utah State Board of Education under Title 53E, Chapter 3, Part 13. The rule establishes procedures for administering the Board's ethics program, including ethics training, conflict of interest disclosure administration, and other Board responsibilities necessary to support implementation of the statutory ethics framework. The rule also provides an overview of the Independent Ethics Commission and its role under state law while deferring substantive complaint and disciplinary procedures to statute.

Staff will present R277-117, Utah State Board of Education Ethics Amendments, Draft 2, for consideration and approval.

Authorizing, and Implemented or Interpreted Law: [Art. X Sec. 3, Utah Constitution](#); Sections [53E-3-1309](#), [53E-3-1315](#), [53E-3-401](#)

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Attachments:

1. R277-117- Draft 2 - September 2026 Full Board
2. R277-117- Draft 1 - August 2026 Committee

3. R277-117 Reporting Burden and Fiscal Impact Estimate Form