

September 4, 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

Committee Staff: Elisse Newey, Ben Rasmussen, Vanessa Hatton

Others Present: Lora Cooper, Katy Challis, Royce Van Tassell, Lisa McLachlan, LauraLee Gillespie, Malia Hite, Jared Felt, Scott Jones, Tanya Albornoz, Shauntelle Cota, Kevin John, Debbie Davis

Chair Kerry called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

3.1 Public Comment

3.2 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 Longacre moved that the Committee approve Alcott Learning to be an approved Educator Preparation Program and recommend approval by the Board.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve Alcott Learning to be an approved Educator Preparation Program.

3.3 Board Policy 3006: USBE Data Governance Plan (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Staff requested amendments to Board Policy 3006 to incorporate the roles of Data Governors and Superintendent into Table 1, with clearly defined responsibilities related to existing USBE governance processes or

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legislation. The addition of a “Data Governance Approval Processes” section formalizes existing procedures for approving changes to data collections. Updates to the Data Security and Privacy Training section streamline reporting by incorporating training completion rates into the required annual privacy report. Additional changes include clarifying employee data access permissions within the Data Incidents and Breaches section, at the request of the Student Data Privacy Advisory Group, and correcting a formatting issue within the Student Data Disclosure section.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve Board Policy 3006: USBE Data Governance Plan, Draft 2, and forward to the Board for approval.

The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board approve Board Policy 3006: USBE Data Governance Plan, Draft 2.

3.4 **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.

Staff presented R277-487, Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure, Draft 3, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee bring back R277-487, Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure, Draft 3, to the December Committee meeting.

Committee Action: Member Longacre moved that the Committee bring back R277-487, Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure, Draft 3, to the October Committee meeting.

The motion passed 3-2, with Members Lear and Bollinger in opposition.

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MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.**3.5 R277-311, Specialized Endorsements (Amendment)**

Committee Discussion: Staff recommend updating the requirements for driver education endorsement to include DLD health requirements.

Staff presented R277-311, Specialized Endorsements, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee amend Line 77 to read, "The Superintendent may not issue a driver education endorsement, and shall rescind..."

The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee approve R277-311, Specialized Endorsements, 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 R277-311, Specialized Endorsements, Draft 2, on second and final reading.

3.6 R277-312, Online Educator Licensure (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: R277-312 is soon approaching its five-year review. Staff recommend continuation of the rule.

During the August Board meeting, Board Member Kerry proposed additions to the Educator Look-Up Tool, which is created in R277-312. The Board voted to refer the amendments to the Law and Licensing Committee to address in the rule. Draft 1 incorporates the amendments that Board Member Kerry proposed.

Staff presented R277-312, Online Educator Licensure, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Longacre moved that the Committee postpone the discussion of R277-312 until the October Committee meeting.

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The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

3.7 R277-746, Driver Education Programs for Utah Schools (Amendment & Continuation)

Committee Discussion: R277-746 is soon approaching its five-year review. Staff recommend continuation of the rule.

Staff presented R277-746, Driver Education Programs for Utah Schools, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee continue and approve R277-746, Driver Education Programs for Utah Schools, Draft 1, on first reading and forward to the Board for continuation and approval on second and final reading.

The motion passed unanimously, with Member Lear absent.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: That the Board continue and approve R277-746, Driver Education Programs for Utah Schools, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.8 R277-929, State Council on Military Children (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: Staff recommend changes to the purple star school program requirements.

Staff presented R277-929, State Council on Military Children, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Hall moved that the Committee approve R277-929, State Council on Military Children, 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 R277-929, State Council on Military Children, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

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3.9 R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports (Amendment)

Committee Discussion: 2026 SB 312 changed procedures related to suspension of an educator's license. Staff recommend amending R277-212 to require that hearing reports address the issues raised by the bill when a suspension is recommended.

Staff presented R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports, Draft 1, for consideration and approval.

Committee Action: Member Kerry moved that the Committee insert the following after Line 429:

(4) The Executive Secretary shall advise the Respondent of the anticipated date that the Board will consider the hearing report.

(5)(a) The Respondent may submit a brief to the Board in response to the UPPAC hearing report no later than ten days prior to the Board meeting.

(b) Any assertions of fact in the Respondent's brief shall include a citation to the hearing testimony or exhibits.

(c) The Respondent shall also send a copy to the Executive Secretary and UPPAC attorney.

(d) If the Respondent submits a brief, the UPPAC attorney may submit a response to the Respondent's brief no later than five days prior to the Board meeting.

No action was taken.

Committee Action: Member Lear moved that the Committee approve R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports, 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 R277-212, UPPAC Hearing Procedures and Reports, Draft 1, on second and final reading.

3.10 An Overview of R277-123, R277-114, and Board Oversight

Committee Discussion: None.

Committee Action: Member Bollinger moved that the Committee postpone Item 2.10, An Overview of R277-123, R277-114, and Board Oversight, to the October Committee meeting.

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The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

3.11 Prevention Protective Factor Framework (PFF)

Committee Discussion: The Protective Factors Framework (PFF) is a strengths-based, evidence-informed prevention approach that focuses on creating the conditions that help students and families thrive. Rather than only addressing risks or problems, the PFF emphasizes building positive experiences, relationships, and skills that promote resilience, connectedness, well-being, and healthy development. Research shows that increasing protective factors can reduce the likelihood of negative outcomes while improving academic, behavioral, and overall well-being outcomes. The framework guides prevention efforts by helping schools and communities strengthen the supports that enable all students to succeed, even when experiencing adversity, and by focusing education staff on five key attributes that reduce risk, enhance well-being, and support student success. Widely used throughout the prevention field, the PFF also serves as a research-based foundation for the Utah State Board of Education Prevention Team's school-based prevention work.

Committee Action: None.

MOTION FOR THE BOARD: None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:13 p.m.