

**MINUTES OF THE
State Board of Education
LAW AND LICENSING COMMITTEE**

February 5, 2016 – Room 156, State Office of Education

Members Present: Leslie Castle, Linda Hansen, Terryl Warner, Dave Thomas, Stan Lockhart
Staff Present: Angie Stallings, Ben Rasmussen, Tina Morandy

Others Present: Lisa Hales, Paul Keene, Mitzi Steckling, Barrie Giles, Pete Jensen, Suzanne Christensen, Analisa Fisher, Brenda Spearman, Amanda Penton, Clint Thomson, Bryan Cowley, Cory Johnson, Maria Olsen, Josh Graham, Marlies Burns, Ben Rasmussen, Diana Suddreth, Tina Smith, Brad Taylor, Kim Duhner, Wade Glathar, Mat Jackson, Scott Rogers, Doelene Pitt, Larci Rounds, Tricia Remington, Melissa Shunn-Mitchell, Karen Steele, Tracey M. Watson, Jennifer Lambert, Joylin Lincoln, Mark Wallin, Sarah Meier, Patti Harrington, Chris Godfrey

Committee Business:

The meeting was called to order at 6:18pm by Committee Chair Leslie Castle.

Amendment request for Ascent Academies of Utah Satellite School

The Committee discussed the background of the Ascent Academies current student enrollment and their request for a fourth campus in Kearns. They reviewed current financial statements, performance and sustainability report. The Committee spoke with Representatives from the school to understand the goal of their business plan.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve Ascent Academies request as outlined in the amendment documentation and recommends the Board approve Ascent Academies request for a fourth campus in Kearns ultimately serving 1,040 students in grades K-9.

USBELaw and Licensing Committee Minutes Review

The Committee discussed the approval of the January minutes and recommended that Ben Rasmussen be removed from attendance of that meeting.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the January minutes with the requested recommendation.

Approval of New Charter School Applications for the 2017-2018 School Year

The Committee discussed approving four of the seven schools considered by SCSB, whom met the criteria in UCA 53A-1a-501.9.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve Leadership Academy of Utah and The Center for Creativity, Innovation and Discovery charter

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schools to open in the 2017-2018 school year as outlined in their applications. The Committee recommends the Board approve these two new charter applications.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to deny without prejudice the application of Eagle Summit Academy charter school, and directed Ben Rasmussen to investigate allegations raised by members of the public. The committee recommended that Eagle Summit Academy charter school come back to the committee in March for action regarding Eagle Summit Academy charter school's request to open in the 2017-2018 school year as outlined in their application. The Committee recommends the Board deny without prejudice this new charter application.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted to deny Bonneville Academy charter school's request to open in the 2017-2018 school year as outlined in their application. The Committee recommends the Board deny this new charter application.

R277-505 Administrative License Areas of Concentration and Programs (Amendment and Continuation)

The Committee discussed R277-505, including the requirements that the Board established for approval of administrator or education leadership programs to prepare students for education leadership licensure. The committee discussed potential amendments recommended by higher education entities and incorporated amendments to R277-505 related to two of the recommendations.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve R277-505, as amended and continued, on first reading and, recommends the Board approve R277-505, as amended and continued, on second reading.

R277-922 Digital Teaching and Learning Grant Program (New)

The Committee discussed the new rule to establish an application and grant and process to give direction to LEAs participating in the Digital Teaching and Learning Program.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted to amend the draft rule and directed staff to bring the rule back to the committee in March.

Updating Existing Paraeducator Standards

The Committee discussed the revisions to the Board's Paraeducator standards to align them with ESSA requirements and to reflect applicability of the standards to all Paraeducators, rather than focusing on those working with students with disabilities.

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COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve the drafted Paraeducator Standards, and recommends the Board approve the Paraeducator Standards.

R277-205 Alcohol Related Offenses and R277-206 Drug Related Offenses

UPPAC asked the committee for guidance in preparing rule revisions regarding the handling of drug and alcohol convictions for both licensed educators and license applicants in the future.

COMMITTEE ACTION: The Committee voted unanimously to direct Ben Rasmussen along with three members from the Law and Licensing committee to review and recommend revisions to R277-200 through 207.

R277-478 Block Grant Funding (Repeal)

The Committee discussed R277-478 as part of the rule's five-year review and continuation process consistent with the Utah Administrative Rulemaking Act. The rule is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2016. Staff has reviewed R277-478 and determined that the rule is no longer necessary.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve R277-478, for repeal, on first reading and recommends the Board approve R277-478, for repeal, on second reading.

R277-482 Charter School Timelines and Approval Processes (Amendment and Continuation)

The Committee discussed R277-482 as amended by staff to provide timelines for reporting an approved charter school expansion or satellite school, to comply with changes in statute, remove redundant language also found in statute, add necessary definitions, clarify standards and expectations, and provide technical and conforming changes.

COMMITTEE MOTION: The Committee voted unanimously to approve R277-482, as amended and continuation on first reading, and recommends the Board approve R277-482 as amended and for continuation on second reading.

Law and Licensing Committee Meeting adjourned at 10:05pm