



MINUTES

EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 11, 2023 | 8:30 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. John D. Johnson, Chair
Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Chair
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Tyler Clancy
Rep. Katy Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Steven J. Lund
Rep. Carol S. Moss
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Karen M. Peterson
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

Members Absent:

Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. Ann Millner
Rep. Angela Romero
Rep. Mike Schultz

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Rhonda Bailey, Associate General Counsel
Mike Curtis, Managing Associate General Counsel
Jeff Van Hulten, Associate General Counsel
Taylor Calabrese, Administrative Assistant

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair Pierucci called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Rep. Clancy moved to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 11 - 0 - 9.

Yeas - 11

Rep. T. Clancy
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. M. Wheatley

2. Public Education: Utah State Board of Education

[2 - USBE Oversight Presentation](#)

[2 - USBE Requests for Statutory Changes](#)

Jim Moss, Board Chair, and Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, State Board of Education, presented on the board's requests for statutory changes.

Angie Stallings responded to questions from the committee.

MOTION: Rep. Pulsipher moved to allow the chairs to open committee bill files addressing the Utah State Board of Education's requests for statutory changes. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 13

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0Absent - 7

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz

Jim Moss and Angie Stallings presented on oversight in education.

Jim Moss and Angie Stallings responded to questions from the committee and continued presenting.

Jim Moss and Angie Stallings responded to additional questions.

3. Public Education: Parent Engagement and Student Absenteeism

[3 - Wasatch School District Parent Liaison Program Photos](#)

James Judd, Principal, Timpanogos Middle School, Yuri Jenson, Parent Liaison, and Eric Campbell, Director of Equity & Diversity, Wasatch School District, presented on their parent liaison program and student attendance rates.

The committee discussed the presentation.

4. Draft Legislation: School Lunch Amendments

[4 - "School Lunch Amendments" \(2024FL0152-001\)](#)

[4 - School Lunch Amendments Bill Summary](#)

[4 - School Lunch Amendments Presentation](#)

[4 - School Lunch Amendments Brief](#)

Rep. Clancy and Neil Rickard, Child Nutrition Advocate, Utahns Against Hunger, presented on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "School Lunch Amendments."

Rep. Clancy responded to questions from the committee.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Michael Parker, Friends of Salt Lake

Nicholeen Peck, resident

Verona Mauga, resident

5. Draft Legislation: SafeUT and School Safety Commission Amendments

[5 - "SafeUT and School Safety Commission Amendments" \(2024FL0818-001\)](#)

Jeff Van Hulten, Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "SafeUT and School Safety Commission Amendments."

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to favorably recommend "SafeUT and School Safety Commission Amendments." The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Sen. K. Grover
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz
Rep. M. Wheatley

6. Draft Legislation: Sensitive Material Review Amendments

[6 - "Sensitive Material Review Amendments" \(2024FL0657-005\)](#)

[6 - Sensitive Material Review Amendments Bill Summary](#)

[6 - Sensitive Materials: Pending Items](#)

[6 - Transparency, Parent Access, and Sensitive Materials June Presentation](#)

Michael Curtis, Managing Associate General Counsel, Office of Legislative Research and General Counsel, presented on 2024 General Session draft legislation, "Sensitive Material Review Amendments."

Michael Curtis responded to questions from the committee.

Rep. Ken Ivory presented additional information on sensitive materials in schools.

Rep. Ivory responded to questions from the committee.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Nicholeen Peck, Worldwide Organization for Women

Brooke Stephens, Utah Parents United

Melanie Mortensen, resident

Gayle Ruzicka, Utah Eagle Forum

Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools

Kristen Richey, Utah Eagle Forum

Amber Bonner, Utah PTA

The committee discussed "Sensitive Material Review Amendments."

MOTION: Sen. Fillmore moved to direct the chairs to gather feedback from committee members and direct staff to prepare a bill file for the committee to discuss and vote on in the November interim meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 16

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz

7. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. Lisonbee moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 4.

Yeas - 16

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. T. Clancy
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. K. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Sen. J. Johnson
Rep. K. Lisonbee
Rep. S. Lund
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. K. Peterson
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. C. Pierucci
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Sen. K. Riebe
Rep. M. Wheatley

Nays - 0

Absent - 4

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. A. Millner
Rep. A. Romero
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Pierucci adjourned the meeting at 11:49 a.m.