

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, May 18, 2016 – 1:15 p.m. – Room 30 House Building

Members Present:

Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. David E. Lifferth
Rep. Daniel McCay
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Sen. Ann Millner, Senate Chair
Rep. Michael E. Noel
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

Staff Present:

Ms. Tiffany A. Stanley, Policy Analyst
Ms. Allyson R. Goldstein, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rebekah Bradway, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Debra Hale, Legislative Assistant

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

1. Committee Business

Chair Last called the meeting to order at 1:46 p.m. Sen. Millner and Rep. Poulson were excused from the meeting.

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to approve the minutes of the November 18, 2015, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Christensen, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Gibson, and Rep. Hutchings were absent for the vote.

Chair Last reviewed "2016 Education Interim Committee Study Items – Draft Schedule."

Ms. Stanley reviewed "2016 Education Interim Committee Required Agency Reports."

2. Competency-Based Education

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Interim State Superintendent of Public Instruction, reviewed competency-based education with a presentation "Competency Based Learning." She explained that competency-based education, as defined in 2016 General Session S.B. 143, "Competency-Based Learning Amendments," means a system in which a student advances to higher levels of learning when the student demonstrates competency of concepts and skills regardless of time, place, or pace. She reviewed how other countries and other states are implementing competency-based education practices and what is being done in Utah to move toward competency-based education.

Dr. Royd Darrington, Principal, Juab High School; Ms. Christie Tolbert, math teacher, Juab High School; and Ms. Natalie Darrington, math teacher, Juab Junior High School, described competency-based education practices in Juab School District. They presented "Integrating Technology into a Competency-based system for Personalized Learning."

Dr. Dickson and Dr. Darrington reviewed potential statutory or regulatory changes needed to support competency-based education, including funding models.

Mr. Kenneth Grover, Principal, Innovations Early College High School, Salt Lake City School District, reviewed the school's competency-based education practices.

Mr. Jamison Thorup, sophomore, Innovations Early College High School, Salt Lake City School District; Ms. Monique Mendoza, junior, Innovations Early College High School, Salt Lake City School District; and Ms. Karla Bustamante, junior, Innovations Early College High School, Salt Lake City School District, described their experiences with competency-based education.

3. Review of 2015 Interim and 2016 General Session

Ms. Goldstein reviewed "2016 General Session Education Bills" and "Public Education Summary," which is published by the Utah State Board of Education.

Chair Last asked committee members to contact him regarding committee bills they sponsored during the 2016 General Session that did not pass or were not funded.

4. UPSTART Report

Chair Last stated that the agenda of the Legislature's Second Special Session, scheduled for after the meeting, would address funding for UPSTART programs. He suggested that committee members review the following reports, which were distributed prior to the meeting: "UPSTART Program Independent Evaluator Report," prepared by the Evaluation and Training Institute, and "UPSTART Program – Report of FY 2016," prepared by the Utah State Board of Education.

5. Other Items/Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Urquhart, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. Lifferth were absent for the vote.

Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.