

**MINUTES OF THE
EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 20, 2016 – 8:30 a.m. – Room 30 House Building

This is an additional interim meeting approved by the Legislative Management Committee and held with the Utah State Board of Education.

Members Present:

Sen. Ann Millner, Senate Chair
Rep. Bradley G. Last, House Chair
Sen. Jim Dabakis
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. David E. Lifferth
Rep. Daniel McCay
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. V. Lowry Snow

Members Absent:

Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings
Rep. Michael E. Noel

Staff Present:

Ms. Allyson R. Goldstein, Policy Analyst
Ms. Victoria Ashby, Associate General Counsel
Ms. Rebekah M. Bradway, Associate General Counsel
Mr. Michael E. Curtis, 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.

Chair Last called the meeting to order at 8:43 a.m. Rep. Gibson and Rep. Hutchings were excused from the meeting.

1. Discussion of State Board of Education Accountability Task Force Recommendations

Ms. Brittney Cummins, District 6 representative, Utah State Board of Education, distributed "State Board of Education's Accountability Task Force recommendations" and discussed the purpose of assessment and accountability at the state level.

Dr. Rich Nye, Deputy Superintendent for Student Achievement, Utah State Board of Education, described the State Board of Education's (USBE) recommended changes to the state's assessment and accountability systems including:

- 1) amending statewide assessments in high school;
- 2) changing the frequency with which students take the Student Assessment of Growth and Excellence writing assessment; and
- 3) adding additional metrics to determine a school's grade under Title 53A, Chapter 1, Part 11, School Grading Act, and amending the weighting of each metric in determining a school's grade.

Dr. Jo Ellen Shaeffer, Director of Assessment and Accountability, Utah State Board of Education, reviewed the cost of the USBE's proposed changes to assessments in high school.

Dr. Nye responded to questions from committee members and USBE members about the proposed changes.

2. Discussion of Timelines and Statutory Changes

Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Advisor, Utah State Board of Education, and Ms. Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent for Policy and Communications, Utah State Board of Education, presented "Options for implementing amendments to the state's school accountability system." They reviewed possible timelines for making changes to the state's assessment and accountability systems and, if the changes were to be made, the statutory amendments that would be required.

Committee members and USBE members discussed possible timelines for making changes to the state's assessment and accountability system and how to balance assessment and accountability requirements in statute and USBE rules.

MOTION: Rep. Snow moved to open a committee bill file, or multiple bill files if needed, to establish a framework for assessment and accountability that provides limited delegation to the USBE to define accountability indicators, metrics, and weightings, and that would be implemented for the 2017-2018 school year and developed in coordination with the USBE.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. Adjourn

MOTION: Rep. McCay moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 11:25 a.m.