

**MINUTES OF HOUSE EDUCATION
STANDING COMMITTEE**
Room 30, House Building
February 24, 2014

Members Present: Rep. Francis Gibson, Chair
Rep. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. David Lifferth
Rep. Dan McCay
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jim Nielson
Rep. Val Peterson
Rep. Marie H. Poulson
Rep. Kraig Powell
Rep. Keven Stratton

Members Absent: Rep. Rich Cunningham
Rep. Greg H. Hughes
Rep. Dean Sanpei

Staff Present: Ms. Constance C. Steffen, Policy Analyst
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

Note: List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Vice Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 4:25 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting. The motion passed with Rep. Gibson, Rep. McCay, Rep. Poulson, and Rep. Stratton absent for the vote.

H.B. 223 School Board Elections Provisions (Rep. J. Nielson)

Rep. Nielson explained the bill.

Spoke to the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove, Utah State Superintendent

Spoke for the bill: Jay Blain, Utah Education Association
Deon Turley, Utah P.T.A.

Spoke against the bill: Peter Cannon, citizen
Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum
Tiffany Hess, family
Jared Carman, family
Connor Boyack, Libertas Institute

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Gibson, Rep. Last, and Rep. Peterson voting against the motion. Rep. Poulson was absent for the vote.

Chair Gibson assumed the chair.

S.B. 40 Financial and Economic Literacy Amendments (Sen. P. Jones) (Rep.)

Sen. Jones explained the substitute bill, assisted by Susan Spears, Utah Association of CPAs.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Martell Menlove
Jared Gleue, Wells Fargo Bank

MOTION: Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Nielson voting against the motion. Rep. Poulson was absent for the vote.

H.B. 236 State School Board Nomination Revisions (Rep. K. Powell)

Rep. Powell explained the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Powell moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. Page 4, Lines 113 through 114:

113 (c) submit a list of at least three candidates for each state board position to the
114 governor by July 1 . including the person currently serving in that position if that
person is seeking reelection ; and

The motion passed with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Lifferth, Rep. Moss, Rep. Nielson, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Stratton voting for the motion and Rep. Arent, Rep. Last, Rep. McCay, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Snow voting against the motion.

Spoke to the bill: Karen Peterson, citizen

MOTION: Rep. Arent moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed

unanimously.

**1st Sub. H.B. 228 Utah State Board of Education Elections and Reporting
Amendments (Rep. B. Greene)**

Rep. Green explained the substitute bill.

Spoke for the bill: Gayle Ruzicka
 Peter Cannon
 Tiffany Hess

Spoke against the bill: Jay Blain
 Deon Turley
 Dr. Martell Menlove

MOTION: Rep. Lifferth moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion failed with Rep. Eliason, Rep. Gibson, Rep. Lifferth, Rep. McCay, Rep. Peterson, and Rep. Stratton voting for the motion and Rep. Arent, Rep. Last, Rep. Moss, Rep. Nielson, Rep. Poulson, Rep. Powell, and Rep. Snow voting against the motion.

H.B. 307 Public Education Funding Task Force (Rep. J. Bird)

At the request of the sponsor, this bill was not considered.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to adjourn. Chair Gibson adjourned the meeting at 6:34 p.m.

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