

1 **State School Board Transparency Amendments**

2025 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

**Chief Sponsor: Walt Brooks**

Senate Sponsor:

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3 **LONG TITLE**

4 **General Description:**

5 This bill creates new duties for the Utah State Board of Education.

6 **Highlighted Provisions:**

7 This bill:

8 ▶ requires the state board to publish information related to state board meetings on the state  
9 board's website;

10 ▶ limits the length of state board meetings; and

11 ▶ may require the state board to issue a report.

12 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

13 None

14 **Other Special Clauses:**

15 None

16 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

17 ENACTS:

18 **53E-3-525**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

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20 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

21 Section 1. Section **53E-3-525** is enacted to read:

22 **53E-3-525 . State board transparency.**

23 (1) Beginning May 7, 2026, the state board shall:

24 (a) publish the following information on the state board's website:

25 (i) a record of each vote by the state board, including:

26 (A) the date, time, and place of the meeting;

27 (B) the subject of the vote;

28 (C) the names of state board members present and absent;

29 (D) the result of the vote, including each board member's individual vote;

30 (E) the audio or video associated with the vote; and

- 31           (F) meeting minutes, notes, and other records related to the vote in accordance  
32           with Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act;  
33           (ii) a meeting agenda for a meeting scheduled to occur within the next 24 hours; and  
34           (iii) a contract the state board intends to consider at a meeting at least seven days  
35           before the date on which the meeting is scheduled to occur;  
36           (b) distribute a contract the state board intends to consider at a meeting to each state  
37           board member at least seven days before the date on which the meeting is scheduled  
38           to occur;  
39           (c) ensure the information described in Subsection (1)(a) is accessible through a single  
40           click from the state board's home webpage;  
41           (d) post the information required by Subsection (1)(a) within 7 business days after a  
42           vote; and  
43           (e) limit official meetings to a length of no longer than nine hours, excluding lunch and  
44           other breaks, and conclude the meeting by 9:00 p.m.  
45           (2) In accordance with Title 36, Chapter 35, Rules Review and General Oversight  
46           Committee, the Rules Review and General Oversight Committee may request a report  
47           from the state board detailing the:  
48           (a) implementation of the requirements of this section; and  
49           (b) the state board's compliance with the requirements of this section.

50           Section 2. **Effective Date.**

51           This bill takes effect on May 7, 2025.