

**MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS SUB
COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, February 7, 2017 • 8:00 a.m. • 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Senate Chair
Rep. Daniel McCay, House Chair
Rep. Robert M. Spendlove, House Vice Chair
Sen. J. Stuart Adams
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Ann Millner
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson
Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher
Rep. Patrice M. Arent
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Steve Eliason

Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Susan Pulsipher
Rep. Norman K Thurston

Members Absent:

Rep. Francis D. Gibson

Staff Present:

Ms. Jill L. Curry, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

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

Chair McCay called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes were approved at the end of the meeting.

2. Science Outreach Providers

Mr. Ben Leishman, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst explained the Science Outreach Program.

7-Science Outreach Presentation

Rep. Thurston and Sen. Stephenson asked questions and made comments about the Science Outreach Program. Mr. Leishman responded.

3. Budget Review: Educator Licensing

Dr. Jill Curry, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst explained Educator Licensing, Utah State Board of Education fees, professional practices restricted fund and educator licensing fees from FY 2014.

2a-Educator Licensing

2b-Issue Brief - USBE Fees - 2017 General Session

2c-Professional Practices Restricted Fund FY 2016

2d-Educator Licensing Fee Proposal FY 2014

Rep. Eliason asked how this can be put in equilibrium to keep fees from fluctuating. Dr. Curry and Mr. Leishman responded.

Chair McCay asked if there is a chart that shows the level of licensing per educator. Dr. Curry said that she could put a chart together.

4. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Educator Licensing

Mr. Scott Jones, Deputy Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education explained a PowerPoint presentation.

Rep. Eliason, Sen. Stephenson and Chair McCay asked about teacher licensure fees. Ms. Natalie Grange, Associate Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, and Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Board of Education, responded to the questions.

Dr. Curry continued with her presentation of agenda item 3 on fees.

Rep. Eliason asked for an estimated cost to collect teacher's fees. Ms. Grange responded. Rep. Christensen made a comment on teacher's fees.

5. Budget Review: Charter Schools

Dr. Curry explained Charter Schools budget review.

4-State Charter School Board

Sen. Stephenson commented that Charter Schools need start-up funds.

6. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Charter Schools

The State School Board had no further discussion on Charter Schools and referred the explanation to the State Charter School Board.

7. State Charter School Board - Discussion & Recommendations on Charter Schools

Kristin Elinkowski, Chair, State Charter School Board introduced DeLaina Tonks, Vice Chair, State Charter School Board, and Jennifer Lambert, Executive Director, State Charter School Board. Ms. Elinkowski explained the State Charter School Board.

6a-State Charter School Board (SCSB)

6b-Charter School Startup and Implementation Grant

8. State Board of Education - Discussion & Recommendations on Science Outreach

Dr. Dickson explained the recommendations on the Science Outreach programs.

Chair McCay asked why the Art and Science programs are not funded through the WPU. Dr. Dickson responded.

Reps. Christensen asked if the purpose of Charter Schools has been achieved. Dr. Dickson and Ms. Elinkowski responded.

Rep. Thurston and Chair McCay asked about economy of scale for Charter Schools. Dr. Dickson responded.

9. Science Outreach Providers

Mr. Seth Jarvis, Director Clark Planetarium explained the Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE) outreach program.

Ms. Laurie Hopkins, Executive Director, Discovery Gateway Children's Museum, explained the Discovery Gateway iSEE program.

Sen. Iwamoto and Reps. Briscoe and Arent expressed support for the Outreach Providers, and asked questions. Mr. Jarvis and Ms. Hopkins responded.

Mr. Jarvis continued with his explanation for funding requests.

10. Education Perspectives Follow-up

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Ms. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor to the Governor, and Sen. Stephenson explained a plan that NCSL, the State Board of Education, and the Governor's Office came

together with priorities for an education plan. The purpose is to help the subcommittee know the priorities, and is a work in progress.

10-Education Plan Commonalities

Sen. Fillmore, Reps. Arent, Briscoe, Christensen, Pulsipher, Sen. Hillyard and Chair McCay raised questions and comments about this Education Perspective. Sen. Stephenson, Dr. Dickson and Ms. Pyfer responded.

Ms. Pypher, Sen. Stephenson and Dr. Dickson continued with explanations on this Education Plan.

Break

Chair McCay called the meeting back to order.

11. Subcommittee Discussion: Allocation of Current and New Funding to the WPU Value vs. Categorical Programs

Chair McCay explained that this agenda item is a conversation with the subcommittee for their perspectives on the balance of prioritizing funding, specifically on the local level versus the state level.

Mr. Leishman explained moving programs within the Minimum School Program and the relationship between the Minimum School Program and the Basic School Program, in preparation for the discussion.

Rep. Christensen and Chair McCay expressed appreciation for Mr. Leishman's explanation and that it is valuable to the discussion. Mr. Leishman continued with his explanation.

Rep. Briscoe and Sen. Fillmore asked for clarification on moving above-the-line items. Mr. Leishman responded and continued his explanation.

There was discussion from the subcommittee about prioritization from Sen. Fillmore, Rep. Briscoe, Rep. Arent, Rep. Last, Sen. Thatcher, Rep. Fawson, Rep. Moss and Sen. Hillyard and Rep. Christensen.

Mr. Leishman explained the documents that were distributed.

MOTION: Senate Chair Hillyard moved to approve the minutes of January 30, 2017.

The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-9.

Voting in the affirmative were:

Hillyard L, McCay D, Spendlove R, Fillmore L, Iwamoto J, Thatcher D,
Christensen L, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S.

Absent or not voting were:

Adams J S, Millner A, Stephenson H, Stevenson J, Arent P, Briscoe J, Eliason S,
Gibson F, Thurston N.

MOTION: House Vice Chair Spendlove moved to adjourn.

The motion passed with a vote of 12-0-9.

Voting in the affirmative were:

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Christensen L, Fawson J, Last B, Lisonbee K, Moss J, Pulsipher S.

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Gibson F, Thurston N.

Chair McCay adjourned the meeting at 10:56 a.m.

Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard, Chair

Rep. Daniel McCay, Chair