



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 5, 2020 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson  
Rep. Steve Waldrip

Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Jefferson Moss  
Rep. Adam Robertson

**Staff Present:**

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Steve Benard, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

Vice Chair Pulsipher assumed the chair.

Vice Chair Pulsipher called the meeting to order.

**MOTION:** Rep. Perry moved to approve the minutes of Feb 3, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-5

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**1 . H.B. 99 Enhanced Kindergarten Amendments (Snow, V. L.)**

Rep. V. Lowry Snow explained the bill assisted by Jennifer Thronsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education, and Sara Wiebke, PreK-12 Literacy & Library Media Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education.

Rep. Perry assumed the chair.

Rich Nye, Superintendent of the Ogden School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Vice Chair Pulsipher resumed the chair.

Ashley Anderson spoke in favor of the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, representing various organizations including the Worldwide Organization for Women and President of the Empowered Families Coalition, spoke against the bill.

Kaitlyn Pieper of the Salt Lake Chamber, spoke in favor.

BJ Weller, Director of Responsive Services of the Canyons School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kory Holdaway, Utah Private Child Care Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sara Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Shoemaker, Superintendent of both the Utah School Superintendents Association, and the Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Garby, United Way of Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to replace H.B. 99 with 1st Substitute H.B. 99. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 0 - 3.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. A. Robertson

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 99 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 1 - 3.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-1

Rep. V. Peterson

Absent-3

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. A. Robertson

**2 . H.B. 175 Education Accountability Amendments (*Poulson, M.*)**

Chair Snow resumed the chair.

Rep. Marie H. Poulson explained the bill.

Nicholeen Peck asked some questions, and Rep. Poulson answered. Peck spoke against the bill.

Rita Heagren, American Federation of Teachers Utah, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tami Pyfer, Utah Governor's Office, spoke in support of the bill.

Sarah Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ashley Anderson spoke in favor of the bill.

Kara Sherman, Utah PTA, spoke in favor of the bill.

Terry Shoemaker, Superintendent of both the Utah School Superintendents Association, and the Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to replace H.B. 175 with 1st Substitute H.B. 175. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 175 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-4

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**3 . H.B. 108 Medical Specialists in Public Schools (Moss, C.)**

Rep. Carol Spackman Moss explained the bill with the assistance of Kory Holdaway of the Utah Speech and Hearing Association.

Nicholeen Peck, representing various organizations, including the Worldwide Organization for Women and President of the Empowered Families Coalition, spoke against the bill.

David Cacanindin of Utah Occupational Therapy Association spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Pulsipher moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 1 - 5.

Yeas-7

Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. M. Poulson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-1

Rep. C. Moss

Absent-5

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. S. Waldrip

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting.