



# MINUTES

## EDUCATION INTERIM COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, June 15, 2020 | 1:30 p.m. | 445 State Capitol

**Members Present:**

Sen. Deidre M. Henderson, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore  
Sen. Keith Grover  
Sen. Lyle W. Hillyard  
Sen. Kathleen Riebe  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Lee B. Perry  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Stephanie Pitcher  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Adam Robertson

Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Mark A. Strong  
Rep. Steve Waldrip  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Jefferson Moss

**Staff Present:**

Allyson R. Hicks, Policy Analyst  
Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Michael E. Curtis, Associate General Counsel  
Amy Shewan, Associate General Counsel  
Jesse Dowdle, Administrative Assistant

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).

Chair Snow called the meeting to order.

### 1 . Committee Business

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-13

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-6

Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. S. Waldrip

### 2 . Education Interim Committee 2020 Study Items

#### [2 - Education Interim Study Items](#)

**MOTION:** Sen. Henderson moved that the committee adopt the study items presented, including the study item related to campus safety, with the understanding that study items not related to COVID-19 will be included on agendas as time allows. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**MOTION:**

Sen. Henderson moved that the committee grant the chairs the authority to independently open bills related to the study items adopted by the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 4.

Yeas-15

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0Absent-4

Sen. K. Grover  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**3 . Campus Police and Student Safety**

David R. Woolstenhulme, Interim Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education, introduced Spencer Jenkins, Associate Commissioner for Public Affairs, Utah State Board of Regents, and Marlon Lynch, Chief Safety Officer, University of Utah, and presented on campus safety responses.

[3 - USHE Campus Safety Response](#)

Spencer Jenkins continued the campus safety presentation and responded to questions from the committee.

Marlon Lynch spoke to the issue and responded to questions from the committee.

[3 - S.B. 80, Campus Safety Amendments](#)**4 . Public Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

Sydnee Dickson, Superintendent, Utah State Board of Education, presented about the state board's response and recovery following closures regarding COVID-19.

#### 4 - USBE Public Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery

Sydnee Dickson responded to questions.

Angie Stallings, Utah State Board of Education, responded to questions from the committee.

Royce Van Tassell, Utah Association of Charter Schools, spoke to the issue.

Terry Shoemaker, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendents Association, spoke to the issue.

Lexi Cunningham, Utah State Superintendents Association, spoke to the issue.

#### **5 . Higher Education COVID-19 Response and Recovery**

David R. Woolstenhulme presented on the Utah System of Higher Education's response to COVID-19.

##### [5 - USHE Response and Impact to COVID-19](#)

Neil Abercrombie, Director of Government Relations, Utah State University, spoke to Utah State University's response to COVID-19.

Robert Wagner, Vice President of Academic & Instructional Services, Utah State University, spoke to Utah State University's response to COVID-19.

##### [5 - USU Presentation](#)

Sen. Henderson assumed the chair.

Robert Wagner and Neil Abercrombie answered questions from the committee.

Rep. Snow assumed the chair.

James Taggart, President, Ogden-Weber Technical College, spoke regarding Ogden-Weber Technical College's experiences from COVID-19 and responded to questions from the committee.

##### [5 - Ogden-Weber Technical College Response](#)

#### **6 . Other Items/Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Sen. Riebe moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 5.

Yeas-14

Rep. M. Ballard  
Sen. L. Fillmore  
Sen. L. Hillyard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. L. Perry  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pitcher  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Sen. K. Riebe  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. M. Strong  
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-0

Absent-5

Sen. K. Grover  
Sen. D. Henderson  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. S. Waldrip

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting.