



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 21, 2021 | 2:00 p.m. | 2110 State Office Building

Members Present:

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard
Rep. Kera Birkeland
Rep. Craig Hall
Rep. Dan N. Johnson
Rep. Karen Kwan
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss
Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson

Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

Members Absent:

Rep. Bradley G. Last

Staff Present:

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst
Daniel Ryan, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Chair V. Lowry Snow called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Chair Snow asked all the committee members to introduce themselves.

MOTION: Rep. Susan Pulsipher moved to approve the minutes of March 9, 2020. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. B. Last

1 . H.B. 124 Civics Engagement Pilot Program Amendments (Johnson, D.N.)

Rep. Dan N. Johnson presented the bill with assistance of Robert Austin, Humanities Coordinator, Utah State Board of Education (USBE).

Natalie Cline, member of the Utah State Board of Education and speaking independently, spoke against the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Elizabeth Weight moved to pass H.B. 124 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 13 - 1 - 1.

Yeas-13

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-1

Rep. K. Birkeland

Absent-1

Rep. B. Last

2 . H.B. 181 Personalized Competency-based Learning (*Johnson, D.N.*)

Rep. Johnson presented the bill with assistance of Todd Call, Coordinator, Digital Teaching and Learning, USBE.

Brad Asay, President of the American Federation of Teachers of Utah, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Melissa Ballard moved to pass H.B. 181 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 1 - 4.

Yeas-10

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-1

Rep. K. Kwan

Absent-4

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

3 . H.B. 134 Notice of Public Education Reporting Requirement (*Pulsipher, S.*)

Rep. Pulsipher presented the bill.

Kimberly Frank, Utah Charter Network, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Val L. Peterson moved to pass H.B. 134 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas-9

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-6

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. C. Watkins

4 . H.B. 46 Student Prosperity Savings Program Amendments (*Eliason, S.*)

Rep. Steve Eliason presented the bill with the assistance of Greg Dyer, Chief Compliance Officer of Utah Education Savings Plan (My529).

MOTION: Rep. Craig Hall moved to pass H.B. 46 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

MOTION: Rep. Hall moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas-7

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-8

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 4:08 p.m.