



MINUTES

HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Wednesday, February 3, 2021 | 3:40 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. Bradley G. Last
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss

Rep. Jefferson Moss
Rep. Val L. Peterson
Rep. Adam Robertson
Rep. Steve Waldrip
Rep. Christine F. Watkins
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

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 Snow called the meeting to order at 3:51 p.m.

MOTION: Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes of January 29, 2021 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. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0

Absent-1

Rep. S. Pulsipher

1 . H.B. 182 Educator Hearings Amendments (Hall, C.)

Rep. Craig Hall presented the bill with assistance from Julie Nelson, Attorney, Zimmerman Booher.

Brad Asay, American Federation of Teachers (AFT), spoke to the bill.

Brian Nelson, Director, Utah Division of Risk Management, spoke to the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Waldrip moved to pass H.B. 182 out favorably. 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. B. Last
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins
Rep. E. Weight

Nays-0Absent-1

Rep. S. Pulsipher

2 . H.B. 278 Name Change Process for Dixie State University (*Miles, K.*)

Rep. Kelly Miles presented the bill with the assistance of Richard Williams, President, Dixie State University (DSU), David Clark, Chair, Dixie State Board of Trustees, Dave Woolstenhulme, Commissioner, Utah System of Higher Education (USHE), and Penny Mills, Student Body President, DSU.

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Candyce Damron, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Tim Anderson, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Jennet Kimball, faculty, spoke against the bill.

Canton Vause, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Andrew Basile, student, spoke against the bill.

Damen Basile, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Igam Guillem, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Stephen Wade, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Riley Randall, student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Jeff Jennings, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Bruce Hurst, alumni, spoke in favor of the bill.

Drew Wilcox, faculty, spoke against the bill.

Julie Beck, Board of Trustees, DSU, spoke in favor of the bill.

Bryan Poulsen, alumni, spoke against the bill.

Gregory Prince, alumni, spoke in favor of the bill.

Sharon Snow, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Zachary Bess, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Natalie Drake, alumni, spoke against the bill.

Sara Williams, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kristy Pike, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rick Atkin, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to amend H.B. 278 with Amendment #1. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 1 - 2.

Amendment 1
H.B. 278

1. Page 2, Lines 55 through 58:

55 (c) The board shall vote to:

56 (i) approve to recommend to the Legislature the new name presented under Subsection

57 (2)(a)(iii); or

58 (ii) request that the board of trustees consider a different new name.

(d) Notwithstanding this Subsection (2), to honor the local traditional significance of the name of the institution, the institution may refer to the main campus as the "Dixie Campus".

Yeas-12

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

Nays-1

Rep. K. Kwan

Absent-2

Rep. K. Birkeland
Rep. S. Pulsipher

MOTION: Rep. Last moved to pass H.B. 278 out favorably as amended. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 2 - 1.

Yeas-12

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

Nays-2

Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow

Absent-1

Rep. K. Birkeland

3 . H.C.R. 8 Concurrent Resolution on Education (*Lisonbee, K.*)

Rep. Karianne Lisonbee presented the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, Worldwide Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the resolution.

Ashley Anderson, citizen, spoke against the resolution.

Sara Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke against the resolution.

MOTION: Rep. Robertson moved to pass H.C.R. 8 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 10 - 4 - 1.

Yeas-10

Rep. C. Hall
Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. B. Last
Rep. J. Moss
Rep. V. Peterson
Rep. S. Pulsipher
Rep. A. Robertson
Rep. V. Snow
Rep. S. Waldrip
Rep. C. Watkins

Nays-4

Rep. M. Ballard
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. C. Moss
Rep. E. Weight

Absent-1

Rep. K. Birkeland

MOTION: Rep. Peterson moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 14 - 0 - 1.

Yeas-14

Rep. M. Ballard
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Rep. D. Johnson
Rep. K. Kwan
Rep. B. Last
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. K. Birkeland

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m.