



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, February 17, 2022 | 8:00 a.m. | 120 Senate Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Chair  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher, Vice Chair  
Rep. Melissa G. Ballard  
Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson  
Rep. Karen Kwan  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Adam Robertson  
Rep. Judy Weeks Rohner  
Rep. Steve Waldrip

Rep. Christine F. Watkins  
Rep. Elizabeth Weight

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Bradley G. Last  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Mike Schultz

**Staff Present:**

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Makelle Wininger, 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).

Chair Snow called the meeting to order at 8:08:03 AM.

**MOTION:** Rep. Johnson moved to approve the minutes for February 15, 2022. The motion passed with a vote of 7 - 0 - 8.

Yeas - 7

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 8

Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins

**1. H.J.R. 16 Joint Resolution Approving Exchange of School and Institutional Trust Lands (*Hawkes, T.*)**

Rep. Hawkes presented the bill with assistance of Dave Ure, Director, Utah School Institutional Trust Lands Administration. They responded to questions from the committee.

Paula Plant, Director, School Children's Trust, Utah State Board of Education, commented on the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Kwan moved to pass H.J.R. 16 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**2. S.B. 78 School Board Expansion Requirements (*Anderegg, J.*)**

Sen. Jacob Anderegg presented the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Watkins moved to pass S.B. 78 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 9 - 0 - 6.

Yeas - 9

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 6

Rep. B. Last  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. S. Waldrip

**3. 1st Sub. S.B. 127 Early Literacy Outcomes Improvement (Millner, A.)**

Sen. Ann Millner presented the bill with assistance of Rich Nye, Superintendent, Granite School District. They handed out a document and responded to questions from the committee.

[4 SB127 3rd Grad Reading Graphic](#)

Royce Van Tassell, Executive Director, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools, spoke in favor of the bill and responded to a question from the committee.

Jennifer Throndsen, Director of Teaching and Learning, Utah State Board of Education, commented the bill and responded to questions from the committee.

Karee Atkinson, President, Decoding Dyslexia Utah, and Rebecca Atkinson spoke in favor of the bill.

Elizabeth Garbe, Senior Director, United Way Salt Lake, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Ray Reutzell, Senior Research Fellow, Center for the School of the Future, Utah State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Lexi Cunningham, Executive Director, Utah School Superintendents Association and Utah School Boards Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

France Barral, Education Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Dr. Parker Fawson, Director, Center for the School of the Future, Utah State University, spoke in favor of the bill.

Kelsey Brown, teacher assistant, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leah Hansen, member of the public, commented on the bill.

**MOTION:** Vice Chair Pulsipher moved to pass 1st Substitute S.B. 127 out favorably with further discussion from the committee. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. M. Schultz

**4. H.B. 302 Educational Language Services Amendments (*Johnson, D.N.*)**

Rep. Johnson presented the bill with assistance of a presentation and Olivia Whitely, Western States Advocacy Officer, International Rescue Committee. They responded to questions from the committee.

[5 HB302 Flyer](#)

[5 HB302 Presentation](#)

Kristina Pexton, Family Life Commissioner, Utah Parent Teacher Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Chase Clyde, Government Relations, Utah Education Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gabriella Archuleta, Public Policy Director, Young Women's Christian Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Ballard moved to pass H.B. 302 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 8 - 0 - 7.

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. M. Schultz

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

Yeas - 8

Rep. M. Ballard  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. V. Snow  
Rep. S. Waldrip  
Rep. C. Watkins  
Rep. E. Weight

Nays - 0

Absent - 7

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. K. Kwan  
Rep. B. Last  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. A. Robertson  
Rep. J. Rohner  
Rep. M. Schultz

Chair Snow adjourned the meeting at 9:57:41 AM.

NOTE: H.B. 0339 was not discussed in the meeting.