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Breakdown: The Utah Board of Higher Education

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The Board

An overview of the major functions, duties, and responsibilities the Legislature has entrusted to The Utah Board of Higher Education
(The Board)

Overview

- The governing body for the Utah System of Higher Education, established by **Title 53B Chapter 1 Part 4 Section 402** of Utah Code, formerly known as the State Board of Regents.
- The Board's major responsibilities include **selecting and evaluating institutional presidents, setting policy**, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, and **submitting a unified higher education budget request** to the Governor and State Legislature.



Membership

- The Utah Board of Higher Education is comprised of 18 Utah citizens, all appointed by the Governor. There are two student Board members, one from a degree-granting public college or university and one from a technical college.
- Sixteen of the members are appointed to six-year staggered terms while the student Board members are appointed to a one-year term.
- Qualifications for Board members are developed by the Board in partnership with the Governor to ensure a range of experience, including experience in industry, varied areas of expertise, and varied geographic representation.



Lisa Michele Church
Chair



Jesselie Barlow Anderson
Vice Chair

For a full list of Utah Board of Higher Education, [click here](#)



Nomination

- The Legislature empowered the Governor to appoint, with the consent of the Senate, individuals to serve on the Board for July 1, 2020.
- Subsequent nominations must be approved by the Board's nominating committee which is formed every 2 years.
 - This committee must consist of a member appointed by the President of the Senate, a member appointed by the speaker of the House, and five members appointed by the Governor.
 - The nominating committee must submit to the Governor at least three candidates which meet the aforementioned qualifications for each open position on the Board without regard to party.
 - The commissioner is responsible for providing staff support to the nominating committee.



Statutory Duties and Responsibilities

- Utah Code [Title 53B Chapter 1 Part 4](#) outlines the statutory powers, rights, and responsibilities of the Utah Board of Higher Education



Establish and promote a state-level vision and goals for higher education that emphasize system priorities



Establish policies and practices that advance the vision and goals



Establish metrics to demonstrate and monitor performance as it relates to set goals and on measures of operational efficiencies



Collect and analyze data including economic data, demographic data, and data related to the metrics



Coordinate data collection across institutions



Establish, approve, and oversee each institution's mission and role in accordance with [Section 53B-16-101](#)



Assess an institution's performance in accomplishing the institution's mission and role



Participate in the establishment and review of programs of instruction in accordance with [Section 53B-16-102](#)



Perform duties related to an institution of higher education president



Create and implement a strategic finance plan for higher education



Statutory Duties and Responsibilities

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Create a seamless articulated education system for Utah students that responds to changing demographics and workforce



Coordinate with the public education system regarding postsecondary credits and the provisioning of technical education



Delegate to an institution Board of Trustees certain duties related to institution governance



Delegate to an institution of higher education president management of the institution of higher education



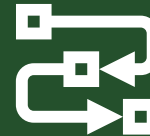
Consult with an institution of higher education before acting on matters pertaining to the institution of higher education



Maximize efficiency in the Utah system of higher education by identifying and establishing shared administrative services



Develop strategies for providing higher education, including career and technical education, in rural areas



Manage and facilitate a process for initiating, prioritizing, and implementing education reform initiatives



Provide ongoing quality review of institutions



Reporting Requirements

- The Board shall submit an annual report of the Board's activities and performance against the Board's goals and metrics to:
 - the Education Interim Committee;
 - the Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee;
 - the Governor; and
 - each institution of higher education.
- The Board shall prepare and submit an annual report detailing the Board's progress and recommendations on workforce related issues, including career and technical education, to the Governor and to the Legislature's Education Interim Committee by October 31 of each year



Other Duties and Functions

- The Board shall elect a chair and vice chair from among the Board's members who shall serve terms of two years and until their successors are chosen and qualified.
- The Board shall ensure that any training or certification that an employee of the higher education system is required to complete complies with [Title 63G, Chapter 22](#), State Training and Certification Requirements.
- The Board shall appoint a secretary from the commissioner's staff to serve at the Board's discretion.
- The Board shall enact bylaws for the Board's own government not inconsistent with the constitution or the laws of this state.
- The Board shall meet regularly upon the Board's own determination.





The Commissioner

An overview of the major functions, duties, and responsibilities the Legislature has entrusted to The Commissioner of The Utah Board of Higher Education

Appointment of the Commissioner

- The Board, upon approval from the Governor and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint a commissioner of higher education to serve at the Board's pleasure as the Board's chief executive officer. (Utah Code [53B-1-408](#))
 - The commissioner may be terminated by:
 - the Board; or
 - the Governor, after consultation with the Board.
- The Board shall:
 - set the salary of the commissioner;
 - prescribe the duties and functions of the commissioner; and
 - select a commissioner based on outstanding professional qualifications.
 - approve the appointment of an associate commissioner for academic education as chosen by the commissioner
 - approve the appointment of an associate commissioner for technical education as chosen by the commissioner



Statutory Duties and Responsibilities

- Utah Code [53B-1-404](#) and [53B-1-408](#) outlines the responsibilities and duties of the Commissioner of Higher Education



Provide state-level leadership in any activity affecting the institution of higher education



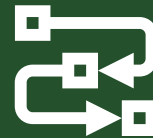
Appoint associate commissioners for academic education, technical education, and additional commissioners



Provide initial training to new Board members and annual training to the Board



Perform other duties assigned by the Board in carrying out the Board's duties and responsibilities



Ensure that the policies, programs, and strategic plan of the Board are properly executed



Furnish information about the Utah system of higher education and make recommendations to the Board

