



# MINUTES

## HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Thursday, January 19, 2023 | 2:00 p.m. | 30 House Building

**Members Present:**

Rep. Candice B. Pierucci, Chair  
Rep. Dan N. Johnson, Vice Chair  
Rep. Kera Birkeland  
Rep. Tyler Clancy  
Rep. Joseph Elison  
Rep. Katy Hall  
Rep. Karianne Lisonbee  
Rep. Steven J. Lund  
Rep. Carol S. Moss  
Rep. Jefferson Moss

Rep. Karen M. Peterson  
Rep. Val L. Peterson  
Rep. Susan Pulsipher  
Rep. Angela Romero  
Rep. Mike Schultz  
Rep. R. N. Walter

**Staff Present:**

Micah Ann Wixom, Policy Analyst  
Robert Wood, Policy Analyst  
Shay Berger, Committee Secretary  
Lorna Wells, 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 Pierucci called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

Chair Pierucci reviewed the rules and the representatives introduced themselves and who they represent.

**MOTION:** Rep. Birkeland moved to approve the minutes. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 15

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Rep. M. Schultz

**1. H.B. 118 Education False Claims Amendments (Teuscher, J.)**

Rep. Jordan D. Teuscher introduced the bill with the assistance of Angie Stallings, Deputy Superintendent of Policy, Utah State Board of Education

[Handout for HB118](#)

Rachel Terry, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Molly Hard, Vice Chair of the Utah State Board of Education, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ben Harsley, Granite School District, spoke in favor of the bill.

Leland Anderson, citizen, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to replace H.B. 118 with 1st Substitute H.B. 118. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 16

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Walter

**MOTION:** Rep. Peterson moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 118 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 15 - 1 - 0.

Yeas - 15

Nays - 1

Absent - 0

Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Walter

Rep. K. Birkeland

**2. H.B. 215 Funding for Teacher Salaries and Optional Education Opportunities (*Pierucci, C.*)**

Vice Chair Johnson assumed the chair.

Representative Pierucci introduced the bill.

[Handout for HB215](#)

Sione Tavako, Tongan Community, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gloria Vindas, Vice President of Grassroots, New Leaders for America, spoke against the bill.

Nicholeen Peck, President, World Organization for Women, spoke in favor of the bill.

Roy Shelly, Teacher, spoke against the bill.

Marcus Carr, Growing Unified Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Gayle Ruziscki, Utah Eagle Forum, spoke against the bill.

Lisa Travez, Elizabeth Academy and Garfield School, spoke in favor of the bill.

Monica Wilbert, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Camden Stewart, high school student and Founder of Utah Students for School Choice, spoke in favor of the bill.

Ken Verboncoeur, Riverton citizen and President of the Utah Christian Homeschool Association, spoke against the bill.

Ruth Hilton, 13 year old student from Eden, spoke in favor of the bill.

Karyl Leer, State School Board Member speaking for herself, spoke against the bill.

Ernie Valencia, Growing Unified Development, spoke in favor of the bill.

Amy Warren, mother, spoke against the bill.

Mary Dunkin, licensed educator, spoke in favor of the bill.

Natalie Cline, State Board of Education Member, spoke against the bill.

Gavin, 10 year old, Kim Maycock, Home-educator, spoke in support of the bill.

Dr. Sara Jones, Utah Education Association, spoke against the bill.

Eliza Cardon, 12 year old homeschool student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Wendy Hart, Highland citizen, spoke against the bill.

Amber Joy Kelso, Hooper citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

Emilia Cubelos, private school teacher, spoke in favor of the bill.

Malia Brown, Utah high school student, spoke in favor of the bill.

Rusty Cannon, Member of Utah Tax Payers Association, spoke in favor of the bill.

David McAllister, citizen, spoke in favor of the bill.

FayLyn Hepworth, homeschool educator, spoke against the bill.

Jana Hyatt, citizen and parent, spoke against the bill.

Mark Clement, citizen, spoke against the bill.

Tera Cooper, parent and Founder of Utah Parents for Teachers, spoke against the bill.

Kael Weston, citizen, spoke against the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Romero moved to replace H.B. 215 with 2nd Substitute H.B. 215.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Lisonbee moved to replace H.B. 215 with 1st Substitute H.B. 215. The substitute motion passed with a vote of 14 - 2 - 0.

Yeas - 14

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 2

Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 0

**MOTION:** Rep. Lisonbee moved to pass 1st Substitute H.B. 215 out favorably. The motion passed with a vote of 12 - 4 - 0.

Yeas - 12

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
Rep. D. Johnson  
Rep. K. Lisonbee  
Rep. S. Lund  
Rep. J. Moss  
Rep. V. Peterson  
Rep. C. Pierucci  
Rep. M. Schultz  
Rep. R. Walter

Nays - 4

Rep. C. Moss  
Rep. K. Peterson  
Rep. S. Pulsipher  
Rep. A. Romero

Absent - 0

**MOTION:** Chair Pierucci moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 16 - 0 - 0.

Yeas - 16

Nays - 0

Absent - 0

Rep. K. Birkeland  
Rep. T. Clancy  
Rep. J. Elison  
Rep. K. Hall  
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Vice Chair Johnson adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.