



MINUTES

SENATE EDUCATION CONFIRMATION COMMITTEE

LEGISLATURE

Monday, June 5, 2023 | 9:00 a.m. | 445 State Capitol

Members Present:

Sen. Lincoln Fillmore, Chair
Sen. Luz Escamilla
Sen. Keith Grover
Sen. David P. Hinkins
Sen. John D. Johnson
Sen. Ann Millner

Members Absent:

Sen. Kathleen A. Riebe

Staff Present:

Robert Wood, Policy Analyst
Taylor Calabrese, Administrative Assistant

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

Chair Fillmore called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

1. Committee Business

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2023, meeting. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

2. Review the Proposed Appointment of Javier Chavez Jr. for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Javier Chavez Jr. gave an opening statement on his experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Javier Chavez Jr. as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

3. Review the Proposed Appointment of Amanda Covington for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Amanda Covington gave an opening statement on her experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Amanda Covington as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education. The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Riebe

4. Review the Proposed Appointment of Jon Cox for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Jon Cox gave an opening statement on his experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Hinkins moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Jon Cox as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education.
The motion passed with a vote of 6 - 0 - 1.

Yeas - 6

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 1

Sen. K. Riebe

5. Review the Proposed Appointment of Sharon Eubank for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Sharon Eubank gave an opening statement on her experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Sharon Eubank as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education.
The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

6. Review the Proposed Appointment of Danny Ipson for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Danny Ipson gave an opening statement on his experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Johnson moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Danny Ipson as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education.
The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

7. Review the Proposed Appointment of Tina Larson for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Tina Larson gave an opening statement on her experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Tina Larson as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

8. Review the Proposed Appointment of Steve Neeleman for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Steve Neeleman gave an opening statement on his experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Steve Neeleman as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education. The motion passed with a vote of 5 - 0 - 2.

Yeas - 5

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 2

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. K. Riebe

9. Review the Proposed Appointment of Aaron Skonnard for the Utah Board of Higher Education

Aaron Skonnard gave an opening statement on his experience and qualifications and answered questions from the committee.

The following individuals provided public comment:

Rep. Carol S. Moss

MOTION: Sen. Escamilla moved to favorably recommend to the full Senate the appointment of Aaron Skonnard as a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Riebe

10. Adjourn

MOTION: Sen. Millner moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 4 - 0 - 3.

Yeas - 4

Sen. L. Escamilla
Sen. L. Fillmore
Sen. J. Johnson
Sen. A. Millner

Nays - 0

Absent - 3

Sen. K. Grover
Sen. D. Hinkins
Sen. K. Riebe

Chair Fillmore adjourned the meeting at 12:13 p.m.