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Utah Professional Practices Advisory Commission Overview

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Educator Definition

[53E-6-102\(3\)](#)

- A person who holds a license
- A teacher, counselor, administrator, librarian, or other person required, under rules of the state board, to hold a license
- The subject of an allegation who was, at the time noted in the allegation, a license holder or employed in a position requiring a license

Statute

[Title 53E, Chapter 6, Part 5](#)

- 11 voting members
 - Including 9 licensed educators
- Review and investigate, under direction of the state board, complaints about educators
- Forward findings and recommendations to the state board

Administrative Rule

[R277-210 – R277-217](#)

- Outlines the process for initiating proceedings and investigations against educators
 - Individuals/LEAs submit allegations to UPPAC's Executive Secretary
 - Allows UPPAC to open proceedings on other information or anonymous allegations in some circumstances
- LEAs must report educator misconduct to UPPAC

Educator Conduct

[R277-217](#)

- Outlines prohibited conduct and required conduct for educators
- Requires educators who are arrested, cited, or charged with specific offenses to notify superintendents or UPPAC directly (unemployed educators)



Relevant Legislation

HB 497, Public Education Compliance (2025 General Session)

Requires the state board's rules on UPPAC's duties and procedures to include **"a system to address UPPAC complaints in a timely and expedient manner."**

