

**MINUTES OF THE  
HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**

Room 30, House Building

February 17, 2015

**Members Present:** Rep. Brad G. Last, Chair  
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair  
Rep. LaVar Christensen  
Rep. Steve Eliason  
Rep. Justin L. Fawson  
Rep. Eric K. Hutchings  
Rep. David E. Lifferth  
Rep. Daniel McCay  
Rep. Carol Spackman Moss  
Rep. Michael E. Noel  
Rep. Marie H. Poulson

**Members Excused:** Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Rep. Gregory H. Hughes

**Members Absent:** Rep. Kim Coleman

**Staff Present:** Ms. Tiffany Stanley, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Linda Service, Committee Secretary

**Note:** List of visitors and copy of handouts are filed with committee minutes.

Chair Last called the meeting to order at 4:18 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

**H.B. 293      Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education Program  
Amendments (Rep. V. Peterson)**

Rep. Peterson explained the bill to the committee.

Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Superintendent, State Office of Education, spoke to the bill.

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Christensen, Rep. Eliason, Rep. Hutchings, and Rep. Noel absent for the vote.

**H.C.R. 7      Concurrent Resolution Urging Development of Methods to Minimize Excessive Testing and its Negative Impacts on the Schoolchildren of Utah (Rep. M. Poulson)**

Rep. Poulson explained the resolution to the committee.

**MOTION:**    Rep. McCay moved to amend the resolution as follows:

1. *Page 1, Lines 20 through 21:*

20 school boards, ~~{the Utah Parent Teacher Association}~~ parents , and ~~{the Utah Education Association}~~ teachers , to study methods and protocols related to testing that, given the current

2. *Page 2, Line 40:*

40            WHEREAS, parents and educators care about how students learn and should be held responsible

3. *Page 3, Line 80:*

80 boards, ~~{the Utah Parent Teacher Association}~~ parents , and ~~{the Utah Education Association}~~ teachers to study and

4. *Page 3, Lines 84 through 85:*

84 Utah State Board of Education, with the participation of Utah's local school boards, ~~{the Utah Parent Teacher Association}~~ parents , and ~~{the Utah Education Association}~~ teachers , study methods and protocols

5. *Page 4, Lines 99 through 100:*

99 Board of Education ~~{,}~~ and each of Utah's local public school boards ~~{, the Utah Parent Teacher Association, and the Utah Education Association}~~ .

The motion passed with Rep. Hutchings and Rep. Moss voting in opposition to the motion and Rep. Eliason absent for the vote.

Spoke for the resolution: Ms. Sharon Gallagher-Fishbaugh, teacher  
Ms. Mindy Layton, Granite Education Association teacher  
Ms. Ann Florence, citizen  
Ms. Deon Turley, Utah PTA

Spoke to the resolution: Ms. Tami Pyfer, Education Advisor, Governor's Office  
Dr. Sydnee Dickson, Deputy Superintendent, State Office of  
Education  
Ms. Kristi Swett, Utah School Boards Association  
Ms. Heather Gardner, teacher and parent  
Mr. Don Paver, Davis Education Association  
Mr. Peter Cannon, citizen

**MOTION:** Rep. Poulson moved to pass the resolution out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. McCay voting against the motion and Rep. Eliason absent for the vote.

**H.B. 282 Online Education Program Amendments (*Rep. B. Daw*)**

H.B. 282 was not considered.

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Eliason absent for the vote. Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 5:31 p.m.

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Rep. Brad Last, Chair