MINUTES OF THE
HOUSE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE
Room 30, House Building
February 26, 2015

Members Present: Rep. Brad G. Last, Chair
Rep. V. Lowry Snow, Vice Chair
Rep. LaVar Christensen
Rep. Kim Coleman
Rep. Steve Eliason
Rep. Justin L. Fawson
Rep. Francis D. Gibson
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. Gregory H. Hughes

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 8:06 a.m.

The legislative sponsor of the following bills presented on their legislation:
S.B. 104 Education Elections and Reporting Amendments (Sen. A. Jackson);
H.J.R. 16 Proposal to Amend Utah Constitution -- Governance of Public Education (Rep. D. McCay);
H.B. 305 State Board of Education Membership Amendments (Rep. D. McCay);
H.B. 342 Amendments to State School Board Election Process (Rep. K. Powell);
H.B. 186 State School Board Membership and Election Amendments (Rep. F. Gibson) and;

After the legislative sponsors presented their legislation, the committee heard public comment on methods for selecting members of the State Board of Education.

Spoke for partisan elections: Mr. Royce Van Tassel, Utah Association of Public Charter Schools
Ms. Heather Gardner, citizen
Ms. Allison Williams, citizen  
Mr. Stan Rasmussen, Sutherland Institute  
Ms. Wendy Hart, citizen  
Ms. Gayle Ruzicka, Eagle Forum

Spoke for non-partisan elections:  Ms. Laney Benedict, PIE, distributed the handout, "PIE"  
Ms. Lisa Nentl-Bloom, Utah Education Association  
Ms. Mary Nielson, parent, local school board  
Ms. JoDee Sundberg, Utah School Boards Association  
Ms. Linda Simmons, citizen  
Ms. Deon Turley, Utah PTA

After public comment, Chair Last asked the committee for motions on the legislation that was presented.


**MOTION:**  Rep. Hutchings moved to hold H.B. 342 in committee. The motion passed with Rep. Moss voting against the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:**  Rep. McCay moved to pass H.B. 305 out favorably.

H.B. 360 Utah Education Amendments (Rep. L. Christensen)

H.B. 360 was not considered.


Rep. Brad Last, Chair