

**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;
- H.B. 297** State School Board Elections Amendments (*Rep. N. Thurston*).

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. McCay moved to replace H.B. 186 with 2nd Sub. H.B. 186. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. McCay moved to pass 2nd Sub. H.B. 186 out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Lifferth voting against the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Moss moved to pass H.J.R. 16 out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Christensen and Rep. Lifferth voting against the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hutchings moved to replace 3rd Sub. S.B. 104 with 5th Sub. S.B. 104. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hutchings moved to pass 5th Sub. S.B. 104 out favorably. The motion passed with Rep. Moss and Rep. Poulson voting against the motion. Rep. Snow was absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Rep. Hutchings moved to hold H.B. 297 in committee. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

**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.

**SUBSTITUTE MOTION:** Rep. Hutchings moved to hold H.B. 305. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Noel and Rep. Snow absent for the vote.

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

H.B. 360 was not considered.

**MOTION:**    Rep. Poulson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Rep. Noel and Rep. Snow absent for the vote. Chair Last adjourned the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

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Rep. Brad Last, Chair