

April 2, 2026, Board Meeting Summary

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Approved the LEA Annual Assurances document.
- Approved Box Elder School District's (Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary) waiver renewal, allowing for a four-day school week.
- Approved Lake Mountain School District Charter School Authorizers Application.
- Approved Health Education Standards on "Success Sequence."

Board Approves LEA Annual Assurances Document

The Utah State Board of Education approved the [LEA annual Assurances document](#).

The LEA Annual Assurances document is to be reviewed and updated annually and presented to the Board for their approval. The policy and financial operations staff have reviewed each assurance. This document includes required state and federal assurances, as well as some items deemed high-risk by the USBE Audit staff.

Updates to this year's document include:

- New links for programs transferred to the U.S. Department of Labor
- Updated language for Constitutionally Protected Prayer from the U.S. Department of Education
- New state assurance - CPR Training in Health Core Standards, in accordance with the recent legislative session

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Board Approves Box Elder School District Waiver Renewal

The Utah State Board of Education approved [Box Elder School District's \(Snowville Elementary, Grouse Creek Elementary, and Park Valley Elementary\) request for a waiver renewal](#) under [R277-419-4](#). The three elementary schools in Box Elder School District are in remote, rural communities. The remote nature of these communities requires students and employees to travel substantial distances to and from school and extracurricular activities. The 4-day school week has been a successful solution to preserving the educational environment while supporting participation in extracurricular activities by scheduling competitions requiring the longest travel on Fridays.

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Board Approves Lake Mountain School District Charter School Authorizers Application

The Utah State Board of Education approved [Lake Mountain School District's authorizer processes](#). Lake Mountain School District sought approval to serve as a charter school authorizer pursuant to [Utah Code Title 53G, Chapter 5, including §53G-5-205](#) and [§53G-5-305](#). According to Subsection 53G-5-205(1), a local school board is eligible to authorize charter schools. In accordance with [R277-552-3](#), a charter authorizer shall submit the authorizer's transfer process to the Board for approval.

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Board Approves Health Education Standards on Success Sequence

The Utah State Board of Education approved the [Health Education Standards on "success sequence."](#) The 2025 adoption of [H.B. 281](#), Health Curriculum and Procedures Amendments, requires changes to health standards, including a greater emphasis on abstinence, the incorporation of the "success sequence," and the prohibition of instruction on certain sensitive topics. These revisions are required by July 1, 2026. A waiver from the established standards review process was approved in the August 2025 Board meeting.

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New Administrative Rules, Amendments, and Repeals

The Utah State Board of Education approved and/or amended the following administrative rules:

- [R277-601, Standards for School Buses and Operations](#). The Utah State Board of Education approved continuation of R277-601 due to the five-year review period. The purpose of this rule is to specify standards for state student

transportation funds, school buses, and school bus drivers utilized by school districts

- [R277-102, Adjudicative Proceedings](#). The Utah State Board of Education approved continuation of R277-102 due to the five-year review period. This rule specifies how to conduct adjudicative proceedings in matters subject to Utah Administrative Procedures Act (UAPA) to provide for review of Board actions where no opportunity for administrative review is provided by law and where there is a compelling reason for administrative review to fully and fairly facilitate the Board's decision making process; and to identify procedures the Board may apply when administrative review of a Board action is provided for by a law other than UAPA and the applicable law fails to identify procedures to be followed for the administrative review. This rule does not apply to actions for which separate adjudicative procedures are specifically provided for in statute, rule, or negotiated agreement.
- [R277-309, Appropriate Licensing and Assignment of Teachers](#). The Utah State Board of Education approved continuation of R277-309 due to the five-year review period. The purpose of this rule is to provide criteria for:
 - (a) local school boards to employ educators in appropriate assignments;
 - (b) the Board to provide state funding to local school boards for appropriately qualified and assigned staff; and
 - (c) the Board and local school boards to satisfy the requirements of ESEA for local school boards to receive federal funds.

Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its [consent calendar](#).

Board Approves 2027 Board Meeting Schedule

The Utah State Board of Education approved its [2027 Board Meeting Schedule](#).

Meeting Highlights for Friday's Committee Meetings

The Utah State Board of Education's [Standards and Assessment, Finance, and Law and Licensing Committees](#) will meet on Friday, April 3. Any items approved in committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its May meeting.

Standards and Assessment Committee will meet in a hybrid format from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-607, Absenteeism and Truancy Prevention.](#)
- Preliminary approval of [R277-925, Effective Teachers in High Poverty Schools Incentive Program.](#)
- Preliminary approval of [R277-727, School Meals Program.](#)
- Preliminary approval of [R277-406, Early Learning Program and Benchmark Assessments.](#)

Finance Committee will meet in a hybrid format from 9:15 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary adoption of the [State Fiscal Year 2027 Public Education Budget Review.](#)
- Preliminary approval of the use of [Utah State Board of Education Discretionary Funds for a Special Education Advocacy training.](#)
- Preliminary approval of the use of [Utah State Board of Education Discretionary funds for Development of Playground Equipment.](#)
- Preliminary approval of the use of [FY2027 Funds from the Board's Budget for Board Member Regional Meetings.](#)

Law and Licensing Committee will meet in a hybrid format from 9:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of the [Lincoln Academy Waiver Request.](#)
- Preliminary approval of the [American Preparatory Academy - Eagle Mountain Satellite Waiver Request.](#)
- Preliminary approval of [R277-488, Dual Language Immersion Program.](#)

- Preliminary approval of [R277-320, Grow Your Own Teacher and School Counselor Pipeline Program](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-731, Catalyst Center Grant Program Policy](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-322, Local Education Agency \(LEA\) Codes of Conduct](#).