

# Board Summary

May 1, 2025 Board Meeting

The Utah State Board of Education:

- Adopted a budget for the 2026 school year.
- Selected a new Utah Fits All program manager.
- Approved a policy regarding complaints against individual board members.
- [Full agenda](#).

## Board Adopts Budget for the 2026 Fiscal School Year

The Utah State Board of Education approved the [2026 State Fiscal Year budget](#). This budget totals \$6.7 billion and does not include local funding, beginning and closing non-lapsing balances, or Utah Schools for the Deaf and Blind. New programs include, but are not limited to:

- Stipends for Future Educators Grant Program (\$12.4 million one-time)
- Project29, Inspiring Communities through Sport & Education (\$300,000 one-time)
- High School Rodeo – Athlete and Ambulance Grants (\$145,000 ongoing)
- Emergency Funding for English Learners (\$5 million one-time)
- Artificial Intelligence (\$4.3 million one-time)

Additional details of the budget are available on [our website](#).

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## Board Selects Utah Fits All Program Manager

The Utah State Board of Education has selected a [program manager for the Utah Fits All](#) Scholarship Program. The manager will be Primary Class DBA Odyssey. Odyssey will work with the current program manager, ACE Scholarships, to transition program responsibilities by May 16.

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## Board Releases Attendance Internal Audit Report

The Utah State Board of Education has publicly released an [attendance internal audit report](#). The audit considered laws, data, and other factors impacting attendance at a public education entity and/or participation in alternative education options, inclusive of various shareholder perspectives.

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## Board Approves Policy Regarding Complaints Against Board Members

The Utah State Board of Education approved [Board Policy 2005: Complaints Against Individual Board Members](#). The policy's goal is to improve the process of auditing a complaint against an individual board member. The policy ensures that such complaints are handled in a fair and systematic manner, maintaining the integrity of the Board's operations. It includes provisions for investigating complaints, determining appropriate actions, and implementing resolutions to uphold ethical standards and accountability within the Board.

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## Board Approves Waiver Requests for Spectrum Academy and Iron County School District

The Utah State Board of Education renewed a waiver request from the [Spectrum Academy](#) and granted a new waiver to [Iron County School District](#). Spectrum Academy renewed its waiver from [R277-419\(4\)](#) to allow for adjustments to instructional time and schedules that meet their unique and specific needs. Iron County School District received a waiver from [R277-484](#) to separate the district's online program from the alternative high school.

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## New Administrative Rules, Amendments, and Repeals

The Utah State Board of Education approved, amended, or repealed the following administrative rules:

- [R277-497, School Accountability System](#). This rule is being reviewed after five years and updated to include an oversight category.
- [R277-331, Stipends for Future Educators](#). This rule is being updated to align with [HB 204](#).
- [R277-487, Public School Data Confidentiality and Disclosure](#). This rule is being amended to allow LEAs to set and achieve goals for individual privacy programs.
- [R277-113, LEA Fiscal and Auditing Policies](#). This rule is being updated to maintain reporting components while removing unnecessary language.
- [R277-407, School Fees](#). This rule is being updated as a result of legislative action.
- [R277-725, Statewide Online Education Program Contractor Requirements](#). This rule is being repealed after [SB 137](#) changed the process for providing online services to private school students.
- [R277-474, School Instruction and Sex Education](#) (Consent Document). The consent form document outlines the parent consent process for sex education instruction following the passage of [HB 281, Health Curriculum and Procedures Amendments](#).
- [R277-474, School Instruction and Sex Education](#). This rule is being updated to include a consent document following the passage of [HB 281, Health Curriculum and Procedures Amendments](#).
- [R277-920, School Improvement and Leadership Development](#). This rule is being amended to reflect changes in state and federal law relative to school improvement programs.

## Board Approves Consent Calendar

The Utah State Board of Education approved its consent calendar.

## Meeting Highlights for Friday's Committee Meetings

The Utah State Board of Education [Finance, Law and Licensing, and Standards and Assessments Committees](#) met on Friday, May 2. Any items approved in committee meetings will be heard by the full Board during its June meeting.

**Finance Committee** met virtually from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-632, Funding for At-Risk Students and Students Learning English](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-480, Charter School Revolving Account](#).

**Law and Licensing Committee** met in a hybrid format from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-609, Standards for LEA Discipline Plans and Emergency Safety Interventions Rule](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-123, Process for Members of the Public to Report Violations of Statute and Board Rule](#).

**Standards and Assessment Committee** met in a hybrid format from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meeting highlights include:

- Preliminary approval of [R277-707, Enhancement for Accelerated Students Program](#).
- Preliminary approval of [R277-736, Juvenile Court or Law Enforcement Notice and Information Dissemination](#).