

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex  
February 24, 2015

**Members Present:** Sen. Ann Millner, Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
Sen. Aaron Osmond  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

**Members Excused:** President Wayne L. Niederhauser

**Members Absent:** Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson

**Staff Present:** Ms. Allyson Goldstein, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Wendy Hill, Committee Secretary

**NOTE:** A list of visitors and a copy of handouts are filed with the committee minutes.

Chair Millner called the meeting to order at 8:19 a.m.

**S.B. 204 Parental Rights in Public Education Amendments (*Sen. A. Osmond*)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to replace S.B. 204 with 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. S.B. 204. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Madsen and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

Sen. Osmond explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill: Mr. Brad C. Smith, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education

Spoke for the bill: Ms. Heather Gardner, citizen  
Mr. Peter Cannon, Utah Eagle Forum  
Ms. Meghan Gardner, citizen

**MOTION:** Sen. Madsen moved to pass 1<sup>st</sup> Sub. S.B. 204 out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

**H.B. 119 Charter School Finance Amendments (*Rep. B. Last*)**

Rep. Last explained the bill to the committee. The handouts “Charter School Local Replacement” and “MSP – Charter School Funding Programs” were distributed to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Dabakis voting in opposition and Sen. Osmond and Sen. Stephenson absent for the vote.

**1st Sub. S.B. 219      World Language Proficiency Recognition (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)**

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee.

Spoke to the bill:      Dr. David L. Buhler, Commissioner of Higher Education, Utah System of Higher Education

Spoke for the bill:      Ms. Bonnie Flint, Davis School District  
Mr. Fernando Rubio, University of Utah  
Ms. Brandy Mau, Tooele School District  
Mr. Gregg Roberts, Utah State Office of Education

Spoke against the bill:      Ms. Laura Belnap, citizen

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously.

**S.B. 222      Digital Teaching and Learning Program (*Sen. H. Stephenson*)**

Spoke against the bill:      Ms. Carrie Valentine, citizen  
Ms. Meghan Gardner, citizen

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 9:48 a.m.