

**MINUTES OF THE  
SENATE EDUCATION STANDING COMMITTEE**  
210 Senate Building, Utah State Capitol Complex  
February 25, 2015

**Members Present:** Sen. Ann Millner, Chair  
Sen. Jim Dabakis  
Sen. Mark B. Madsen  
President Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Sen. Aaron Osmond  
Sen. Howard A. Stephenson  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Sen. Stephen H. Urquhart

**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 4:09 p.m.

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2015 meeting. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Madsen, Pres. Niederhauser and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

**S.B. 240 School Districts - Transportation Policies (J. S. Adams)**

Sen. Adams explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis, Sen. Madsen, Pres. Niederhauser and Sen. Stevenson absent for the vote.

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

Sen. Stephenson explained the bill to the committee. "2015 Utah Digital Teaching and Learning Bill (SB 222) Executive Summary" was distributed to the committee.

Spoke for the bill: Dr. Ray Timothy, Executive Director, Utah Education Network  
Mr. Brad C. Smith, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Utah State Office of Education  
Mr. Terry E. Shoemaker, Superintendent, Wasatch School District  
Mr. Richard Nelson, President, Utah Technology Council

**MOTION:** Pres. Niederhauser moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed with Sen. Dabakis voting in opposition.

**S.B. 235 School Turnaround and Leadership Development Act (W. Niederhauser)**

Pres. Niederhauser 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. Kim Frank, Utah Charter Network  
Mr. Curtis Linton, School Improvement Network

Spoke against the bill: Ms. Carolyn White, Beaver County School Board  
Ms. Sara Jones, Director, Utah Education Association  
Ms. Sheri Mattie, Utah Parent Teacher Association

**MOTION:** Sen. Stephenson moved to pass the bill out favorably. The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis absent for the vote.

**S.B. 232 Higher Education Performance Funding (S. Urquhart)**

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to amend the bill as follows:

1. *Page 2, Lines 34 through 35:*

34 (1) As used in this section {~~7~~} ~~:~~  
(a) "~~higher~~ **Higher** education institution" or "institution" means an  
35 institution of higher education listed in Section 53B-1-102.  
(b) "Research university" means the University of Utah or Utah State University.

2. *Page 3, Lines 71 through 73:*

71 (b) Performance funding shall include metrics approved by the board,  
including :  
72 ~~{(i) three systemwide metrics, approved by the board; and~~  
73 ~~(ii) up to two institutional metrics, approved by the board.}~~  
(i) degrees and certificates granted;  
(ii) services provided to traditionally underserved populations;  
(iii) responsiveness to workforce needs;  
(iv) institutional efficiency; and  
(v) for a research university, graduate research metrics.

The motion passed unanimously with Sen. Dabakis and Pres. Niederhauser absent for the vote.

Sen. Urquhart explained the bill to the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Urquhart moved to pass the bill out favorably as amended. The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Niederhauser absent for the vote.

**MOTION:** Sen. Osmond moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with Pres. Niederhauser absent for the vote.

S.B. 245 and 2<sup>nd</sup> Sub.H.B. 49 were not considered.

Chair Millner adjourned the meeting at 6:06 p.m.

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Sen. Ann Millner, Chair