

School Board Meeting Notification Requirements

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STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill amends provisions related to state and local school board meetings.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

▸ requires the State Board of Education to publish an agenda before holding certain meetings;

▸ requires local school boards to publish an agenda before holding ~~§~~ **[a public meeting]**

certain meetings ~~←§~~ ; and

▸ makes technical and conforming changes.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

AMENDS:

53E-3-203, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 186

53G-4-202, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2019, Chapter 293

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **53E-3-203** is amended to read:

53E-3-203 . State board meetings -- Quorum requirements.

(1) ~~§~~ **(a)** ~~←§~~ The state board shall[-] :

~~§~~ **[(a)] (i)** ~~←§~~ meet at the call of the ~~[chairman]~~ chair and at least 11 times each year[-] ; and

~~§~~ **[(b)] (ii)** ~~←§~~ at least ~~§~~ **[(72)] 48** ~~←§~~ hours before holding the meeting required under

Subsection (1)(a),

27 publish an agenda for the meeting on the state board's website.

27a ~~§~~ → **(b) The state board may disregard the requirement in Subsection (1)(a)(ii) if**
 27b **the emergency requirements described in Subsection 52-4-202(5) are met.** ← ~~§~~

28 (2) A majority of all members is required to validate an act of the state board.

29 Section 2. Section **53G-4-202** is amended to read:

30 **53G-4-202 . Local school board meetings -- Rules of order and procedure --**
 31 **Location requirements -- Expulsion of members prohibited -- Exceptions.**

32 (1) As used in this section:

33 (a) "Disaster" means an event that:

34 (i) causes, or threatens to cause, loss of life, human suffering, public or private
 35 property damage, or economic or social disruption resulting from attack, internal
 36 disturbance, natural phenomenon, or technological hazard; and

37 (ii) requires resources that are beyond the scope of local agencies in routine responses
 38 to emergencies and accidents and may be of a magnitude or involve unusual
 39 circumstances that require a response by a governmental, not-for-profit, or private
 40 entity.

41 (b) "Local emergency" means a condition in any municipality or county of the state that
 42 requires that emergency assistance be provided by the affected municipality or
 43 county or another political subdivision to save lives and protect property within its
 44 jurisdiction in response to a disaster or to avoid or reduce the threat of a disaster.

45 (c) "Rules of order and procedure" means a set of policies that governs and prescribes in
 46 a public meeting:

47 (i) parliamentary order and procedure;

48 (ii) ethical behavior; and

49 (iii) civil discourse.

50 (2) ~~§~~ → **(a)** ← ~~§~~ Subject to Subsection (4), a local school board shall:

51 ~~§~~ → **[(a)] (i)** ← ~~§~~ adopt rules of order and procedure to govern a public meeting
 51a of the local school
 52 board;

53 ~~§~~ → **[(b)] (ii)** ← ~~§~~ conduct a public meeting in accordance with the rules of order
 53a and procedure
 54 described in Subsection (2)(a);

55 ~~§~~ → **[(c)] (iii)** ← ~~§~~ at least ~~§~~ → **[72] 48** ← ~~§~~ hours before holding a public
 55a meeting, publish an

- 55a agenda for the meeting
 56 on the local school board's website; and
 57 [(e) ~~(d)~~ (iv) ←~~§~~ make the rules of order and procedure described in
 57a Subsection (2)(a) available to
 58 the public:
 59 ~~§~~ → [(f)] (A) ←~~§~~ at each public meeting of the local school board; and
 60 ~~§~~ → [(ii)] (B) ←~~§~~ on the local school board's public website, if available.
- 60a ~~§~~ → (b) **A local school board may disregard the requirement in Subsection**
 60b **(2)(a)(iii) if the emergency requirements described in Subsection 52-4-202(5) are met.** ←~~§~~
- 61 (3)(a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (c), a local school board may not
 62 hold a public meeting outside of the geographic boundary of the local school board's
 63 school district.
- 64 (b) A local school board may hold a public meeting outside of the geographic boundary
 65 of the local school board's school district if it is necessary for the local school board
 66 to hold a meeting during a disaster or local emergency.
- 67 (c) A local school board may hold a public meeting outside of the geographic boundary
 68 of the local school board's school district to conduct a site visit if:
 69 (i) the location of the site visit provides the local school board members the
 70 opportunity to see or experience an activity that:
 71 (A) relates to the local school board's responsibilities; and
 72 (B) does not exist within the geographic boundaries of the local school board's
 73 school district; and
 74 (ii) the local school board does not vote or take other action during the public
 75 meeting held at the site visit location.
- 76 (d) This Subsection (3) does not apply to a charter school governing board.
- 77 (4) The requirements of this section do not affect a local school board's duty to comply with
 78 Title 52, Chapter 4, Open and Public Meetings Act.
- 79 (5)(a) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(b), a local school board may not expel a
 80 member of the local school board from an open public meeting or prohibit the
 81 member from attending an open public meeting.
- 82 (b) Except as provided in Subsection (5)(c), following a two-thirds vote of the members
 83 of the local school board, the local school board may fine or expel a member of the
 84 local school board for:
 85 (i) disorderly conduct at the open public meeting;

- 86 (ii) a member's direct or indirect financial conflict of interest regarding an issue
- 87 discussed at or action proposed to be taken at the open public meeting; or
- 88 (iii) a commission of a crime during the open public meeting.
- 89 (c) A local school board may adopt policies or ordinances that expand the reasons or
- 90 establish more restrictive procedures for the expulsion of a member from a public
- 91 meeting.

92 Section 3. **Effective Date.**

93 This bill takes effect on May 6, 2026.