

Public Notice Requirements of Board Meetings Policy Series: 1000 Board of Education

Policy No. 1410

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to delineate requirements for public meeting notice which apply to all board meetings. Public hearings require additional information and notices with specific processes that must be followed and can be found in the accompanying procedures to this policy.

Public notice of annual meeting schedule

At least once each year, the Board shall give public notice of its annual meeting schedule. The notice shall specify date, time and place of such meetings.

Notice of specific meetings

- 1. Minimum twenty-four (24) hour notice: The Board shall provide public notice of each meeting at least 24 hours in advance of each meeting; such notice shall include the agenda, date, time and place of the meeting.
- 2. Methods of Providing Public Notice giving notice of meeting: Public notice of each
 Board meeting and of the Board's annual meeting schedule shall be given by: at least 24
 hours by: Public notice of each Board meeting, as well as the Board's annual meeting
 schedule, shall be provided at least 24 hours in advance by the following methods:
 - a. Posting written notice at the local Board of Education office;
 - b. Posting notice on the Utah Public Notice Website; and,
 - c. Posting notice on the District's website at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
 - d. Notice of each Board meeting shall also be given to each interested mayor or interested county executive (or their designee). An "interested mayor" is the mayor of a municipality that is partly or entirely within the boundaries of the school district. An "interested county executive" is the county executive or county manager of a county with unincorporated area within the boundaries of the

school district. This notice shall be provided by mail, email, or other effective means agreed to by the person to receive notice. Providing notice to at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographic jurisdiction of the public body or to a local media correspondent. (Notice to such a newspaper or local media correspondent sent pursuant to a subscription made through the Utah Public Notice Website satisfies this requirement if the notice has been timely sent.

- a. The District shall also endeavor to post notice of Board meetings on the District's web site at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.
- b. Notice of each Board meeting shall also be given to the following officials (or their designee) for municipalities or counties that are partly or entirely within the boundaries of the District: the mayor, county commission chair, county executive, or county manager. This notice shall be provided by mail, email, or other effective means agreed to by the person to receive notice.

Action limited to meeting agenda

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Where a meeting agenda must be included in the required public notice of a Board meeting (as stated in the paragraph above), that agenda shall be sufficiently specific to notify the public of the topics to be considered at the Board meeting. To be sufficiently specific, the agenda shall at least list each anticipated topic under an agenda item in a manner which identifies the subject of discussion and, if known, the nature of the Board action being considered on the subject. The Board may not consider a topic in an open meeting which was not listed under an agenda item and included with the advance public notice of the meeting, except that if an unlisted topic is raised by the public during an open meeting, the Board may at the discretion of the presiding Board member discuss the topic but may not take any final action on that topic during the meeting. The Board may not consider a topic in an open meeting which was not listed under an agenda item and included with the advance public notice of the meeting. If an unlisted topic is raised by the public during an open meeting, the Board may, at the discretion of the presiding Board member, discuss the topic but may not take any final action on that topic during the meeting. This limitation may not apply to an emergency meeting where the requirements for holding and giving the best practicable notice of such a meeting have been met. (See "Emergency Meeting" below.)

- 75 When the Board holds a public hearing to adopt a budget or to approve a tax rate that exceeds 76 the certified tax rate, that meeting's agenda must be limited to the hearing and any related 77 discussion or action.
- If the Board also needs to conduct other general business on the same day, that business must be handled in a separate meeting that ends **before** the budget or tax rate hearing begins.
- The hearing must be accessible to the public either in person or through electronic participation.

Emergency meeting

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In case of emergency or urgent public necessity which renders it impractical to give the notice identified in the paragraphs above, the best notice practicable shall be given of the time and place of the meeting and of the topics to be considered at the meeting. No such emergency meeting of the Board shall be held unless an attempt has been made to notify all of its members and a majority of the members vote in the affirmative to hold the meeting.

Annual budget meeting notice

In addition to complying with the aforementioned public notice requirements, in regards to the budget hearing meeting, the Board shall do the following:

- 1. Publish the required newspaper advertisement and/or electronic newspaper advertisement (see <u>Utah Code § 45-1-101 (2023</u>) and the required Utah Public Notice Website advertisement at least ten days before the day on which the hearing is held.
 - a. The public hearing meeting notice will include information on how the public may access the proposed budget.
- 2. File a copy of the proposed budget with the Board's business administrator for public inspection; and
- 3. Post a copy of the proposed budget on the District's Internet website.
- 4. In addition, if the proposed budget includes a tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate, or if the Board meeting is required to consider whether to adopt a tax rate in excess of the certified tax rate, the Board shall provide the notices and schedule the meeting as required by Utah Code § 59-2-919.

Legal References:

- 112 Utah Code § 52-4-202(2) (2023)
- 113 Utah Code § 52-4-202(3), (4) (2023)
- 114 Utah Code § 63G-30-102(1) (2023)
- 115 Utah Code § 53G-7-208(3)(e) (2019)
- 116 Utah Code § 52-4-202(6) (2023)
- 117 Utah Code § 59-2-919(8)(b)(i), (e) (2025)
- 118 Utah Code § 52-4-202(5) (2023)
- 119 Utah Code § 53G-7-303(3) (2019)
- 120 Utah Code § 53F-8-201(3) (2019)
- 121 Utah Code § 59-2-919 (2024)
- 122 Utah Code § 59-1-1604(6) (2016)
- 123 Utah Code § 59-1-1605 (2016)
- 124 Utah Code § 59-1-1605(3)(b) (2016)
- 125 Utah Code § 11-14-318 (2023)
- 126 Utah Code § 63G-30-102(1) (2023)
- 127 <u>Utah Code § 11-14-103(6)</u> (2024)
- 128 <u>Utah Code § 45-1-101 (2023)</u>
- 129 Utah Code § 63G-30-102(1) (2023)

130 <u>Utah Code § 53G-7-305(7)(b) (2019)</u>
131 <u>Utah Code § 53G-4-402(24) (2025)</u>
132 <u>Utah Code § 53G-4-204(3) (2023)</u>

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