



**Utah Board of Higher Education
Virtual Conference via Zoom
Wednesday, April 3, 2024**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES**

Executive Committee Members Present

Amanda Covington, Chair
Steve Neeleman, MD, Vice Chair
Javier Chavez Jr.

Executive Committee Members Absent

Office of the Commissioner

Geoff Landward, Commissioner of Higher Education
Alison Adams, General Counsel and Board Secretary
Trisha Dugovic, Director of Communication
Vic Hockett, Associate Commissioner of Talent Ready Utah
Nate Talley, Deputy Commissioner and CFO
Melissa Van Hien, Executive Assistant to the Commissioner

Chair Covington called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee Meeting

Talent Ready Initiatives

Vic Hockett highlighted the Talent Initiatives and Talent Advisory Councils, which S.B. 192 Higher Education Amendments created. The bill consists of the following parts:

1. Talent Initiatives created and approved by the Board of Higher Education.
2. Talent Advisory Councils approved and created by the Talent Board.
3. For the Talent Initiatives, the Board of Higher Education will use a corresponding Talent Advisory Council created by the Talent Board.

Chair Covington asked how legislative requests and policies roll up to the Board. Vic explained that this initiative and the councils fit well within our current processes. Nate Talley shared that as part of the new RFA process, they will be brought forward in a way that they're contemplated as a system request or not, which means earlier engagement on the system's end. Board member Chavez Jr. asked where the ultimate report is. Vic shared that it depends on the different funding streams. Moving forward, if they need to make any adjustments, they're more than willing to provide the Utah Board of Higher Education with any report out. Vice Chair Neeleman asked if there was any reading to show the impact of the efforts. Vic is putting together a council charter, which includes the goals and purpose of each council that he will share with the Board.

Vice Chair Neeleman moved to develop the following Talent Initiatives in response to SB 192 and Utah Code 53B-34-110(2)(a):

- 1. Deep Technology Talent Initiatives;**
- 2. Life Sciences Workforce Talent Initiative; and**
- 3. Health Professions Talent Initiative.**

Board member Chavez Jr. seconded the motion. The Executive Committee members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

Chair Covington moved to adjourn. Board member Chavez Jr. seconded the motion. The Executive Committee members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 a.m.

Alison A. Adams, Secretary

Date Approved: