



Model Policy Webinar

April 2026

BEA Board Meetings: Notice Requirements

- Revised, to reflect 2025 changes to the Truth in Taxation hearing requirements
- BEA addresses notice requirements for board meetings
 - Those are generally established by OPMA
 - Some kinds of meetings have additional requirements
- Truth in Taxation process
 - Policy CAC, reference to Utah Code § 59-2-919
 - Notice requirement
 - Public hearing requirement
 - Failure to meet public hearing requirements
- 2025 change
 - Public participation through electronic means
- 2026 changes (pending)
 - HB 236, SB 238
 - Adjustment to virtual participation
 - Changes to the hearing requirements
 - Changes to the notice requirements (including adoption of a tentative budget)
 - Anticipated changes to BEA and CAC

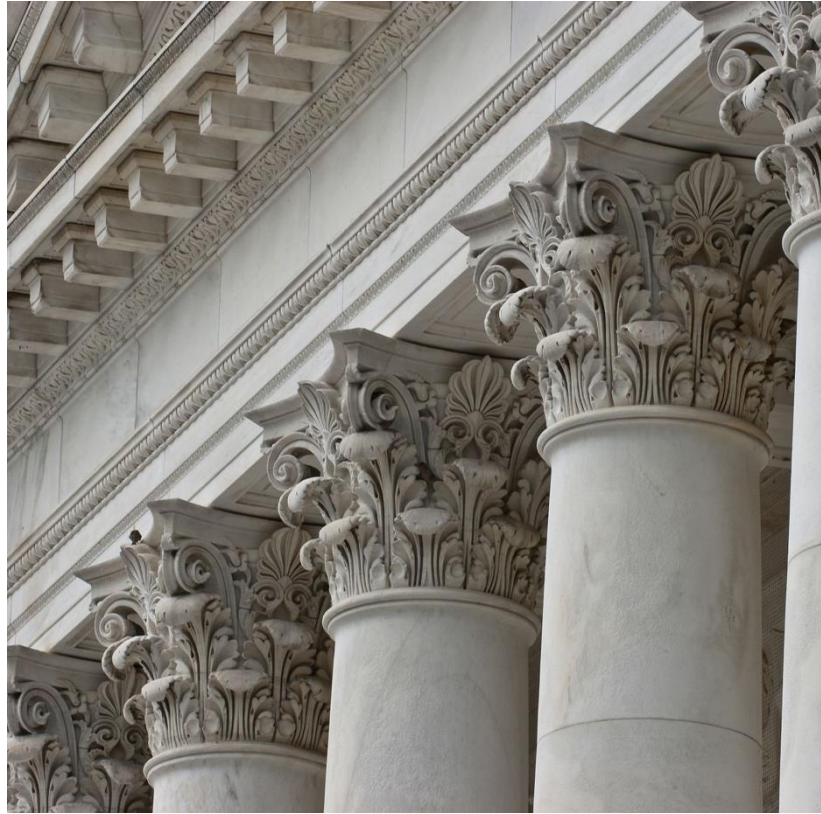
DAC Employment: Personal Reporting of Arrests and Convictions

- Revisions to R277-316
 - Mandated policy to require reporting arrests or convictions for certain offenses
 - Required actions in response to reports
 - Implemented by Policy DAC
- Change to what must be reported
 - Citations and charges, in addition to arrests
 - Previously included in Policy DAC
- Definitions of alcohol and drug offenses
 - Reference to R277-210, which refers to criminal statutes
 - Incorporated into DAC
- Change to description of licensed educators
 - Deletion of examples
 - Unnecessary language
 - DAC revised accordingly
- Narrowed scope of requirement regarding conclusion of criminal proceedings
 - Previous requirement: convictions, pleas in abeyance, diversion agreements
 - Plea in abeyance: guilty plea, held in abeyance
 - Diversion agreement: suspension of prosecution before charges are filed
 - Diversion agreements no longer must be reported

ECBB Curriculum: Elective Instruction— Driver Education

- Revised to reflect changes to USBE regulations and standards
- Driver education components: classroom instruction, behind-the-wheel driving
- Multiple options for each component
- Classroom component can also be completed through online high school classes and may be a hybrid of online and face-to-face instruction
- Changes to funding
 - Funding sources: student fees, tax account, general funds
 - Student fees set based on shortfall after tax account funds
 - Previously considered fee waivers
 - Fee waivers are no longer considered but schools can request reimbursement for waived fees
 - Students may be charged for make up driving tests

ECF Curriculum: Religious Neutrality



- Revisions to R277-475, Patriotic, Civic, and Character Education
- Prohibition of censoring American history and heritage documents based on religious or cultural nature
- Compliance with Utah Code § 53G-10-206
- SB 268 (2026)
 - Scope of permitted instruction includes the role of religion in the history of the United States and other countries
 - Schools must ensure that students may express personal beliefs about religious issues in schoolwork

ECH Curriculum: Sex Education

- Revised to reflect changes made by HB 281 (2025) and R277-474
- Revised definition of “medically accurate”
- Revised description of contraception curriculum (no instruction on abortion)
- Revised direction on educator response to questions
 - Previously stated that an educator may respond to a spontaneous question from a student if the response is consistent with sex ed standards
 - New standard: An educator may correct inaccurate or misleading information or answer questions raised by students consistent with approved instructional materials and may also direct students to their parents
- HB 281 (2025) July 2026 changes
 - Required content of USBE health requirements
 - Revised standards for parental consent