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520.1 – OPEN AND PUBLIC MEETINGS – COLLEGE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The legislature finds and declares that the state, its agencies, and political subdivisions, exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly. (*Utah Code Annotated* 1994, Supp. 52-4.)

520.1.1 - Exceptions

Exceptions are outlined in Utah Code: 52-4-201

A meeting that is open to the public includes a workshop or an executive session of a public body in which a quorum is present, unless closed in accordance with Sections <u>52-4-204</u>, <u>52-4-205</u>, and <u>52-4-206</u>.

Every official meeting conducted by or held by the College Board of Directors are open to the public unless closed by a twothirds vote of the members of the body proposing to close the meeting. The vote to close the meeting must be taken at anopen meeting for which notice is given and at which a quorum is present. No closed meeting is allowed except as to matters exempted. No ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, contract, or appointment shall be approved at a closed meeting. The reason or reasons for holding a closed meeting and the vote, either for or against the proposition to hold such a meeting, cast by each member by name shall be entered on the minutes of the meeting.

A closed meeting may be held for any of the following reasons: (a) discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual; (b) strategy sessions with respect to collective bargaining, litigation, or purchase, leases, exchange of real property; (c) discussion regarding the disposition of security, personnel, or devices; and (d) investigative proceedings regarding allegations of criminal misconduct.

Nothing in this act shall apply to a chance meeting or a social meeting. No chance meeting or social meeting shall be usedto circumvent this provision.

This policy shall not prohibit the removal of any person who willfully disrupts a meeting to the extent that orderly conduct isseriously compromised.

Those in attendance at a closed meeting must sign a statement indicating that the sole purpose of the meeting was for oneof the stated exemptions.

520.1.2 – Public Notice of Meetings – Emergency Meetings

Public Notice of Meetings – Emergency Meetings is outlined in Utah Code: 52-4-202

Each public body shall give not less than 24-hour public notice of the agenda, date, time, and place of each of its meetings. Such public notice shall be posted on the Utah Public Notice Web site.

An emergency meeting of a public body may not be held unless:

- a. An attempt has been made to notify all the members of the public body; and
- b. A majority of the members of the public body approve the meeting.

520.1.3 – Written Minutes of Open Meetings

Written minutes shall be kept of all open meetings as outlined in Utah Code: <u>52-4-203</u> Written minutes shall be kept of all open meetings. Such minutes shall include: (a) the date, time, and place of the meeting;

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(b) the names of the members present and absent; (c) the substance of all matters proposed, discussed, or decided, and a record, by individual member, of votes taken; (d) the names of all citizens who appeared and the substance in brief of their testimony; and (e) any other information that any member requests be entered in the minutes.

520.1.4 - Minutes of Closed Meetings

Written minutes shall be kept of all closed meetings. Such minutes shall include: (a) the date, time, and place of the meeting; (b) the names of members present and absent; and (c) the names of all others present except where such disclosure would infringe on the confidence necessary to fulfill the original purpose of closing the meeting.

520.1.4 - Closed Meetings

A closed meeting may be held in accordance with Sections 52-4-204, 52-4-205, and 52-4-206

520.1.5 – Electronic Meetings

Board members may participate in a meeting of the Governing Board by means of telephone or other communications equipment by which all members participating in the meeting can hear each other. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person for purposes of determining a quorum and voting on agenda items. [Reference Policy 103.4.8, <u>52-4-207</u>]

520.1.5 – Minutes as Public Records

Minutes are public records and shall be available within a reasonable time after the meeting.