

UTAH EDUCATION SAVINGS BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2025, MEETING

Utah Board of Higher Education Building, The Gateway
my529 Conference Room
60 South 400 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84101-1248

Trustees Present

Mr. Arthur Newell, Chair
Dr. Stephen Nadauld, Vice Chair
Ms. Lori Chillingworth
Mr. Palmer DePaulis
Mr. Richard K. Ellis
Mr. John Lunt
Ms. Janice Ugaki

Ms. Bryn Ramjoue
Mr. Troy Runnells
Ms. Jenny Sass
Mr. Paul Smith
Ms. Katie Turner
Ms. Mollie Weisman
Mr. Randall Willardsen

Staff Present

Mr. Mark M. Cain, Executive Director
Ms. Rachel Adams
Ms. Camille Anthony
Ms. Dorothy Bailey
Mr. Robbie Beckstead
Mr. Greg Dyer
Mr. Todd Mortensen
Ms. Stephanie Norman
Ms. Kristie Pederson
Mr. Scott Pettett

Others Present

Mr. James Duffy, CAPTRUST
Mr. Jason Lewin, Vanguard
Ms. Christy Miller, Vanguard
Mr. Michael Sanders, CAPTRUST
Mr. Jeremy Shaw, Assistant Attorney General
Ms. Rhea Thomas, Vanguard
Ms. Jennifer Walker, Vanguard
Ms. Smitha Walling, Vanguard
Ms. Emily Wrightson, CAPTRUST

Welcome and roll call

Chair Newell called the Utah Education Savings Board of Trustees (“the board” or “UESB”) meeting to order at approximately 10 a.m. Chair Newell declared the presence of a quorum, noting Ms. Chillingworth is joining remotely. Mr. Ellis will join the meeting later. Chair Newell announced that he appointed Dr. Nadauld as the new vice chair of the board.

The newest board member, Ms. Ugaki, introduced herself.

TAB 1 – UESB meeting minutes for September 11, 2025

It was moved by Vice Chair Nadauld and seconded by Mr. DePaulis to approve the minutes for the Utah Education Savings Board of Trustees meeting held on September 11, 2025. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed. Mr. Ellis was absent for this vote.

TAB 2 – Audit Committee report

Mr. Lunt summarized the Audit Committee meeting. He stated that a representative with Eide Bailly presented the my529 audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2025. He noted that there were no audit adjustments. Mr. Lunt highlighted the information security, business continuity and internal audit reports. The following internal audits remain open: Purchasing Review, Electronic Payments to Schools Review, and Scholarship Review.

It was moved by Ms. Ugaki and seconded by Vice Chair Nadauld to approve the Audit Committee report as presented. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed. Mr. Ellis was absent for this vote.

TAB 3 – Reappointment of Helen Parsons to the Investment Advisory Committee (IAC)

Mr. Mortensen recommended that Ms. Parsons be reappointed to the IAC to serve a four-year term.

It was moved by Mr. Lunt and seconded by Ms. Ugaki to reappoint Ms. Parsons to the IAC. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed. Mr. Ellis was absent for this vote.

TAB 4 – Proposed FY 2027 Meeting Schedule

The board reviewed the proposed FY 2027 meeting schedule along with the remaining meeting dates for FY 2026. Mr. Cain noted that the March 2026 board meeting needs to be rescheduled due to a conflict. Chair Newell and Mr. Cain discussed adding a workshop meeting in March.

It was moved by Ms. Ugaki and seconded by Vice Chair Nadauld to approve the FY 2027 meeting schedule as presented. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed. Mr. Ellis was absent for this vote.

TAB 5 – my529 Executive Director’s report

Mr. Cain provided a report on my529. As of October 31, 2025, total assets under management (AUM) were \$29.1 billion with 610,724 open accounts. He reviewed the new funded accounts, which is a key metric for measuring the account growth priority. As of October 31, 2025, new funded accounts hit 16,405 for nonresidents and 3,619 for Utah residents and are tracking higher than the last three years average. He contributed this success to my529 brand recognition along with marketing and outreach efforts.

He highlighted the results of the most recent account owner Net Promoter Score (NPS) and stated during Q4 2025, the NPS was 82 with a three-year moving average score of 70.7. Mr. Cain discussed the results of Morningstar’s annual 529 industry ratings, announcing that my529 received an Analyst Rating™ of Gold alongside four other 529 plans. Mr. Cain and the board discussed the Morningstar results.

Mr. Cain indicated that in October 2025, the Utah Legislature held a special session, where they passed Senate Bill 1001 and Senate Bill 1002. The bills comprise a comprehensive recodification of Utah's higher education code. Senate Bill 1001 reorganized Title 53B as Title 53H, which includes my529's section of Utah Code. The recodification made no substantive policy changes to my529.

Mr. Cain summarized that the management team met to review the strategic plan and concluded by saying my529 leadership will bring an updated strategic plan to the board at a future meeting.

Mr. Ellis joined the board meeting.

TAB 6 – Reports and Information

Chair Newell turned over the time to Mr. Runnells, who reviewed the most recent my529 investment reports with the board.

It was moved by Mr. DePaulis and seconded by Mr. Lunt to approve the my529 investment reports for August 2025, September 2025, and October 2025, as presented. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

TAB 7 – Report from CAPTRUST

Chair Newell welcomed the CAPTRUST representatives, Mr. Duffy, Mr. Sanders, and Ms. Wrightson. The CAPTRUST representatives presented the Investment Program Analysis for Q3 2025. Ms. Wrightson provided an executive summary of the report. She stated that the Target Enrollment Date portfolios outperformed peers during the third quarter, with 11 out of 12 vintages outperforming their respective category averages.

Mr. Duffy highlighted the performance of the Target Enrollment Date (TED) portfolios for Q3 2025. He said that the markets rallied in the third quarter, which was led by AI-infrastructure investment growth. He said that the U.S. bonds had the strongest nine-month return since 2020. He noted that for Q3 2025, most of the strong performance for TED portfolios were attributed to domestic U.S. equity market performance along with the continuing strong year-to-date performance from non-U.S. equities.

Mr. Duffy provided an economic outlook on the macro headwinds and tailwinds.

Regarding the PIMCO Interest Income Fund, Mr. Duffy stated that as of September 30, 2025, the fund's gross crediting rate was 3.56%, up from 3.50% in the previous quarter. He concluded that the PIMCO Interest Income Fund continued to outperform its respective benchmarks for Q3 2025. He announced that in the next quarter, RBC will replace the wrap issuer, Transamerica.

Mr. Duffy reviewed the Q3 2025 scorecard for the underlying investments, stating overall, the underlying investments are in good standing. He pointed out that the DFA Real Estate

Securities Fund has a score of 80. He said that this fund's score may be slightly volatile over the next couple of quarters. CAPTRUST representatives recommended removing DFA Five Year Global Bond from the watch list because of stabilization of peer relative performance. Additionally, my529 changed the name of this fund to my529 Variable Five-Year Global Fixed Income, better capturing the fund's wide-ranging duration exposure.

TAB 8 – Report from Vanguard

Chair Newell welcomed the Vanguard representatives: Ms. Walling, Ms. Miller, Ms. Walker, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Lewin. The Vanguard representatives presented my529 growth versus its peers and 529 industry trends. Ms. Walker said that my529 continues to be a top plan in the 529 industry. Ms. Thomas provided an economic and market outlook, including how AI capitalized expenditures, tariffs and job growth can impact the U.S. economy. Mr. Lewin highlighted Vanguard's AI strategy.

The board and Vanguard discussed the differences between 529 accounts and Trump accounts.

TAB 9 – Marketing initiative – incentiFive Program

Chair Newell welcomed Ms. Sass, Mr. Pettett and Ms. Ramjoue and turned the time over to them. Ms. Sass outlined the proposed incentiFiveSM Program (program), including its purpose to help Utah families establish an education savings habit over time by incentivizing their contributions for the first five years of their child's life. She reviewed the terms and conditions and reviewed who would be eligibility to participate in the program. Mr. Pettett highlighted the cost of the program, and Ms. Ramjoue discussed the marketing strategy.

It was moved by Vice Chair Nadauld and seconded by Chair Newell to approve the my529 incentiFiveSM Program as presented including the funding for the first cohort to come from the Endowment Fund and to revisit the program in the June board meeting. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

TAB 10 – Closed Session

It was moved by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Ms. Ugaki to convene in closed session for the purpose of discussing fiduciary or commercial information as authorized in Utah Code Section 52-4-205. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

It was moved by Mr. Ellis and seconded by Mr. Lunt to reconvene the Utah Education Savings Board of Trustees in open session. The motion carried unanimously. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed.

Ms. Ugaki was excused for the remainder of the meeting.

TAB 11 – Addition of two DFA funds

It was moved by Mr. Lunt and seconded by Mr. DePaulis to approve the addition of the DFA Investment Grade and DFA Inflation-Protected Securities portfolios to the Customized investment options subject to legal and compliance. The board members who voted in favor of the motion were: Chair Newell, Vice Chair Nadauld, Ms. Chillingworth, Mr. DePaulis and Mr. Lunt. Mr. Ellis opposed the motion. Ms. Ugaki was absent for this vote. The motion passed.

TAB 12 – Asset Fee reduction for the Customized options

It was moved by Vice Chair Nadauld and seconded by Mr. Ellis to approve an Administrative Asset Fee reduction of two basis points for the Customized investment options, effective January 1, 202[6]¹. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed. Ms. Ugaki was absent for this vote.

Adjournment

It was moved by Vice Chair Nadauld and seconded by Mr. Ellis to adjourn the meeting. The board members in attendance voted unanimously in favor, and the motion passed. Ms. Ugaki was absent for this vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:07 p.m.



Executive Director, my529



Date

¹ This final draft revises a scrivener's error in the version approved by the Board on March 31, 2026. The date should have been January 1, 2026, instead of January 1, 2025.