

Advisory Council for the Utah Schools for the Deaf and the Blind

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Rules – State Board shall make rules regarding Advisory Council operations (Advisory Council is referenced in R277-800-3-G) – USBE rule and/or Advisory Council bylaws shall include -

Membership and Term of membership

At least six (6) but not more than eleven (11) voting members

Two (2) members who are blind

Two (2) members who are deaf

Two (2) members who are deafblind or parents of a deafblind child

Others who have interest and knowledge and appointed by USBE

Procedures for filling a vacancy

Procedures for dismissing a council member

Majority of council constitutes a quorum for the transaction of business

Council members may receive a per diem

Council shall meet at least ten times per year

Council shall elect - Chair - Vice-chair - May elect other officers - Officers serve one-year terms

Advisory Council shall -

Advise and make recommendations to the board (USBE), superintendent (USDB) and associate superintendents (Utah School for Deaf & Utah School for the Blind)

Staff positions – Policies – Budgets - Operations

Advise board (USBE), superintendent (USDB), and associate superintendents (Utah School for Deaf & Utah School for the Blind)

Needs of those who are deaf, blind, or deafblind

Appropriate programs and services to address individual needs

Consistent with state and federal laws, rules, and regulation

Advise and make recommendations to the board (USBE) regarding the continued employment of superintendent and associate superintendents

State Board shall –

Appoint members of the Advisory council

Assign staff member and superintendent to act as liaisons

Receive and consider advice and recommendations

Approve the annual budget

The State Board may-

Remove a Council member for cause

The State Board is not obligated to follow advice or adopt recommendations