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# MEMORANDUM

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## Industry Advisory Council Update

Utah Code 53B-1-407, as established by the Utah Legislature in S.B. 111, Higher Education Amendments, during the 2020 Legislative Session, directed the Utah Board of Higher Education to establish an industry advisory council. Its purpose is to inform the Board of Higher Education's technical education and academic education committees, as well as the Utah State Board of Education.

The Board of Higher Education Bylaws states that "The Board shall establish an Industry Advisory Council that shall inform the committee for technical education; the committee for academic education; and the State Board of Education. The Industry Advisory Council shall include representation from (a) employers; (b) kindergarten through grade 12 representatives; (c) degree-granting institution faculty; and (d) technical college faculty."

The attached document outlines the plan for the establishment of the council. This update will include information about the identification of council participants and an effort to convene the council as outlined.

### **Commissioner's Recommendation**

Information item only.

### **Attachment**

# Industry Advisory Council Implementation Plan

## Statutory Provisions

UCA 53B-1-407. Utah Board of Higher Education – Industry advisory council.

- (1) The board shall establish an industry advisory council.
- (2) The board shall ensure that the industry advisory council includes representation from:
  - (a) employers;
  - (b) kindergarten through grade 12 representatives;
  - (c) degree-granting institution faculty; and
  - (d) technical college faculty.
- (3) The industry advisory council shall inform:
  - (a) the committee for technical education;
  - (b) the committee for academic education; and
  - (c) the State Board of Education.

## Role and Responsibilities

The purpose of the Industry Advisory Council is to review and provide industry perspectives regarding the workforce and economic development pipeline for current high-skill, in-demand, emerging, or other regionally important occupations in Utah, and gaps in available talent that could be filled by academic and technical education programs; and to inform the Utah Board of Higher Education’s technical and academic education committees and the State Board of Education of those perspectives. The council will consider collaboration and coordination of industry advisory groups across the state in its review.

## Structure

Participants in the Industry Advisory Council will be invited by the Chair of the Utah Board of Higher Education upon recommendation by the Commissioner.

**Industry Participants:** Most of the participants (at least eight and no more than twenty) will be currently-employed members of Utah industries. The participants will be broadly representative of significant industry sectors, geographic regions, employer characteristics (size, scope, type, etc.), and social diversity. Where applicable and available, the Commissioner will consult with industry associations.

**State Partners:** Six of the participants will be currently-employed members of Utah workforce partner organizations, to include one state-level executive each from USBE, USHE, GOED, and DWS; one degree-granting institution faculty member from recommendations by the faculty senate presidents jointly from the degree-granting institutions; and one faculty member from a technical college.

The council will be supported by the Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education. The council will meet at least twice yearly to review and provide perspectives as provided in “Roles and Responsibilities.”