



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Rachel Prickett Passey has been a member of the Utah Board of Higher Education, representing the students attending public institutions within the Utah System of Higher Education, since 2024; and

WHEREAS, she is the first student Board member to complete a term of service on the newly reconstituted Board of Higher Education as the only student representative. During the 2023 legislative session, the Board of Higher Education was reconstituted to comprise of nine community members and one student member; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Prickett Passey's work as a student Board member includes setting policy, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, collaborating with the Utah Student Association, and submitting a unified higher education budget request to the governor and Utah State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, she has served as the Board student representative on the Student Advisory Council, on the strategic planning, enrollment, and future legislative agenda task forces, and is a voice for students at public colleges and universities throughout the state of Utah; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Prickett Passey has been instrumental in supporting the degree-granting Student Body Presidents, and she has proven an effective partner in systemwide student leadership; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Prickett Passey dedicated herself to remaining educated on issues facing Utah students. During the 2024 legislative session, she attended Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee meetings and committee hearings impacting higher education; and


WHEREAS, she has served in various roles throughout her term and took time away from her studies to facilitate a student listening session for Southwest Technical College, supporting students who weighed in on critical issues; she also made informal, impromptu visits to campuses to hear from students and observed a fee allocation meeting at Salt Lake Community College after the Board adjusted its student-supported fee and tuition request; and

WHEREAS, she has a bachelor's degree from the University of Utah in economics and is currently a second-year law student at the University of Utah's S.J. Quinney College of Law; and


WHEREAS, Rachel Prickett Passey contributed to the Board of Higher Education and the Utah System of Higher Education by bringing her personal experience and views and was a passionate advocate for higher education access, policy, and the students in the System;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Utah Board of Higher Education, joined by the Commissioner of Higher Education and his entire staff, and institution presidents, faculty, staff, and students who have worked with Rachel Prickett Passey hereby extend sincere expressions of appreciation and respect and wish her the very best on her goal to continue her career in educational reform and in her other future endeavors.

Dated this 6th day of June 2024.


Amanda Covington, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education




Geoffrey T. Landward
Commissioner of Higher Education