



RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION

WHEREAS, Garrett Largent has served on the Utah Board of Higher Education since 2025, representing students attending colleges and universities within the Utah System of Higher Education; and

WHEREAS, his work as a student Board member includes selecting and evaluating institutional presidents, setting policy, reviewing programs and degrees, approving institutional missions, and submitting a unified higher education budget request to the governor and Utah State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Largent consistently advocated for students' perspectives and needs in Board meetings, and on the Audit Committee, ensuring that student voices remained central to Board discussions and decision-making; and

WHEREAS, he partnered with Representative Karen Peterson and Rich Nye, senior advisor for education to Governor Cox, to host Student Leaders Day on the Hill, bringing together student leaders from Utah System of Higher Education institutions to engage in the legislative process, attend a Higher Education Appropriations Subcommittee meeting, and meet with lawmakers in the Governor's Suite, including Neil Abercrombie, senior advisor for legislative affairs; and

WHEREAS, during his time on the Board, he participated in the appointment of two institutional presidents: President Brad Mortensen at Utah State University and President Chris Mallett at Weber State University; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his service on the Board, Mr. Largent served as vice president of the Presidential Leadership Fellows in the Office of the President at Weber State University; and

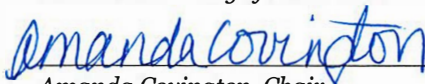
WHEREAS, Mr. Largent was a non-traditional student at Weber State University who graduated cum laude with a bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, focusing in Business Administration, Leadership, and International Studies; and

WHEREAS, he enriched the work of the Board of Higher Education and the Utah System of Higher Education through his leadership, public service, thoughtful perspective, and commitment to students across the state; and


WHEREAS, Mr. Largent balanced these responsibilities while being a devoted husband and father to his daughters, exemplifying dedication to family and community;

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 Garrett Largent, hereby extend sincere appreciation and respect and wish him the very best in his future endeavors.

Dated this 11th day of June 2026.


Amanda Covington, Chair
Utah Board of Higher Education




Geoffrey Landward, Commissioner
Utah System of Higher Education