

Joint Provo City Council and School Board of Education Meeting

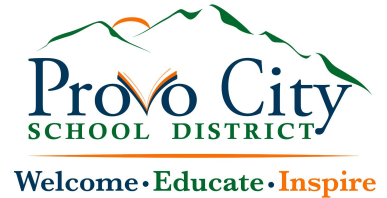
Thursday, April 30, 2026

12:00 PM

Provo City School District

280 West 940 North

Provo, UT 84904



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A. 12:00 p.m. Joint Provo City Council and School Board of Education

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Joint Council and Board Meeting: <https://www.youtube.com/live/Q4MTSN2Z8nc?si=sPw1TgUQ9LrI3rm->

A.1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 12:01p.m.

A. 2. Roll Call *(Audio Timestamp 00:00:22)*

Melanie Hall, Board Member; Meg Van Wagenen, Board Member; Gina Hales, Board Member; Katrice MacKay, Council Chair; Jennifer Partridge, Board President; Wendy Dau, Superintendent; Devyn Dayley, Business Administrator; Rachel Whipple, Council Member; Jeff Whitlock, Council Member; Gary Garrett, Council Member; Teri McCabe, Board Member; Becky Bogdin, Council Member; Justin Harrison, Council Director

**Board of Education Members not present: Lisa Boyce and Emily Harrison*

Welcome and thank you to other staff from the city and district that are present and helping.

A. 3. Motion to Convene *(Audio Timestamp 00:01:29)*

I move that we convene our joint meeting. This motion, made by Melanie Hall and seconded by Megan Van Wagenen, Carried.

A. 4. A Discussion Regarding Provo City School District Celebrations and Successes *(Audio Timestamp 00:01:51)*

Superintendent Wendy Dau listed some recent celebrations for Provo City School District
Summary:

- 14% increase in proficiency, Franklin Elementary RISE scores
- Recently held an Evening of Celebration for district employee recognition, it was empowering to bring them all together, recognize their hard work and see all the care that goes into running the school district.
- The Provo City School District was recognized for the highest increase in college level enrollment and credits received in the state at Provo High School and Timpview High School this year, many Associates Degrees were obtained and General Education courses completed.
- Sorensen Legacy Music Award will be presented in our board meeting on May 12th

A. 5. A Discussion Regarding the Provo City Economic Development Plan *(Audio Timestamp 00:04:46)*

Summary:

Council Chair Katrice McKay and Council Member Jeff Whitlock reviewed with the board the city goal to improve economic development in Provo.

- Working to create job opportunities in Provo
- Retain graduates
- Pair unique traits to national trends
- Provo has a highly educated population, but jobs don't always reflect that, trying to get higher paid, more highly skilled opportunities in Provo
- To do this the council will work on incentives, zoning, planning, getting information circulated, collaborating, identifying bottle necks (facilities, transportation, etc.) trying to work through those.
- The school district has programs and ideas that align with these goals, it would be great to collaborate
- In 3-4 months, the city will have more information on next steps.

A. 6. A Discussion Regarding Provo City School District Enrollment and Boundary Considerations *(Audio Timestamp 00:12:48)*

Summary:

Board President Jennifer Partridge, Superintendent Wendy Dau, and Business Administrator

Devyn Dayley led a discussion on the issues facing the district with declining enrollment, declining birthrates, and recent board discussions looking at options to help continue offering quality education options to all students.

- There are problems with having only 1 teacher for a grade level cohort which can happen in smaller schools or in DLI programs
- The school board is holding community meetings, they are grateful for the input, looking for solutions, they are aware that no one wants to close their school or programs that are important to them
- This is a board decision, not a district decision (the superintendent and BA are supporting the board in their study of the issues)
- This is just the beginning of the discussion, not the end of the discussion
- DLI program adjustments are also in discussion, it is likely that DLI changes will have to happen before boundary and school closure decisions as it may impact enrollment at some schools
- The board wants to focus on best practices for student achievement, 4 classes for each grade in DLI helps with that, making sure we also look at enrollment projections, developments and neighborhood issues
- There has been a steady decline over the last few years, go back further and district enrollment was consistently between 13,300 and 14000, now it is under 13,000 and continuing to slowly decline, most of the decline is in elementary schools
- When new housing developments are completed, the district usually sees slight bumps in secondary enrollment
- Charter schools are typically taking about 8-10% of students from public education generally and PCSD sees that as well, there is a new charter school opening near Spring Creek in the coming year
- Concerns expressed regarding over saturation of charter schools
- No decisions have been made and the board will follow state guidelines, which require months of public notice before anything changes and we haven't started any of those processes yet

A. 7. A Discussion Regarding City Housing and Accessory Dwelling Units

(Audio Timestamp 00:31:08)

Summary:

Council Chair Katrice McKay, Council Member Jeff Whitlock, and Council Member Justin Harrison discussed the recent changes in law about external ADUs and current developments.

- The city doesn't have enough 4+ bedroom homes, larger families as they grow leave the city because of that and companies often move to other cities to find closer housing for their executives.
- There are over 4000 approved titles city wide that haven't been built yet.

- ADUs for older homes with owners that don't need all the space and want to rent, move to other cities, on the flip side of that there are those that don't want renters in their neighborhoods
- Many choose to buy newer homes in other cities, as there are lots of family homes in Provo that are older and less desirable
- There are a lot of illegal ADUs in Provo, also over 60% of city allows ADUs

A. 8. A Discussion Regarding City Housing and Transit Reinvestment Zones and Redevelopment Agency Updates *(Audio Timestamp 00:56:40)*

Katrice MacKay stated that there is nothing imminent for the city to discuss

- South mall redevelopment is in process, but it is moving slowly and no decisions have been made yet, will likely have HTRZ
- The city is being thoughtful, slow, careful and is very aware of tax impact, trying to make thoughtful decisions that benefit the community

A. 9. Motion to Adjourn *(Audio Timestamp 01:06:50)*

I move that we adjourn this meeting. This motion, made by Gina Hales and seconded by Melanie Hall, Carried.