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DELIVERED VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Janet Roberts, Business Administrator  
Salt Lake City School District  
440 East 100 South  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111-1891



Re: GRAMA: Closed Door Meeting

Dear Ms. Roberts,

Pursuant to **Government Records Access Management Act (GRAMA)**, *Utah Code §63g-2-204*: I am requesting a copy of all records (*a book, letter, document, paper, map, plan, photograph, film, card, tape, recording, electronic data including emails, or other documentary material regardless of physical form or characteristics*) pertaining to or associated with the **Closed Executive Session** of the Salt Lake City School Board, convened on August 7, 2014 and September 16, 2014.

Specifically, I am requesting all records of the school board's vote to go into **Closed Executive Session**, the presiding officer's signed affidavit, deliberations and any paperwork distributed during those meetings pertaining to the following:

1. **On August 7, 2014** – Despite my objections, Superintendent Withers discussed an item that he claimed fell under the category of *“Strategy Session to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation”* (see Utah Code §§52-4-204). [I am also requesting any emails pertaining to the issue that was discussed; beginning June 3, 2014 to the present]
2. **On September 16, 2014** – Despite my objections, you presented School Board members with an item that you claimed fell under the category of *“Discussion of the character, professional competence, or physical or mental health of an individual”* (see Utah Code §§52-4-204). Under the guise of that category you distributed a financial document and asked School Board members to authorize the appropriation of public funds for expenditure, which in my opinion, is in violation of Utah's Open and Public Meeting Act. I am also asking for any records associated with the meeting after I left the room, in protest of this illegal action (if the discussion continued around the School Board's disbursement of public funds). [I am also requesting any emails pertaining to the issue that was discussed; beginning January 28, 2014 to the present]

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Señor Florez –Deseret News

I am seeking the requested information so that I might file an Open and Public Meetings Act violation complaint with the Utah Attorney General and the Salt Lake District Attorney (see Utah code §52-4-303).

I believe that your dissemination of these documents is in keeping with Utah's Open and Public Meetings Act:

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*"In enacting this chapter, the Legislature finds and declares that the state, its agencies and political subdivisions, exist to aid in the conduct of the people's business. It is the intent of the law that their actions be taken openly and that their deliberations be conducted openly"* (see Utah code §52-4-101).

Utah Code §63g-2-203(4) encourages agencies to fulfill a records request without charge. Based on Utah Code §63g -2-203 (4a), I am requesting a waiver of copy costs because releasing the records primarily benefits the public rather than a person.

Furthermore, based on Utah Code §63g -2-203 (4c) my *"legal rights are directly implicated by the information in the record"* as I am an elected member of the Board of Education (see Utah Code §53A-3-402).

Shalom,



**J. Michael Clára**  
Board Member, District 2

cc: Mr. Sean Reyes, Utah Attorney General  
Mr. Sim Gill, Salt Lake County District Attorney