

Judge orders White House to restore counselor grants



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Education Secretary Linda McMahon speaks in the Oval Office of the White House before President Donald Trump signs an executive order regarding childhood cancer and the use of AI on Sept. 30 in Washington.

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The Trump administration must release millions of dollars in grants meant to address the shortage of mental health workers in schools, a federal judge ruled Monday.

Congress funded the mental health program after the 2022 school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. The grants were intended to help schools hire more counselors, psychologists and social workers, with a focus on rural and underserved areas of the country. But President Donald Trump’s administration opposed diversity considerations used to award the grants and told recipients they wouldn’t receive funding past December 2025.

The preliminary ruling by Kymberly K. Evanson, a U.S. District Court judge in Seattle, applies only to some grantees in the sixteen Dem-

ocratic-led states that challenged the Education Department’s decision. In Madera County, California, for example, the ruling restores roughly \$3.8 million. In Marin County, California, it restores \$8 million. The ruling will remain in effect while the case proceeds.

The Education Department under Democratic President Joe Biden first awarded the grants. Biden’s administration prioritized giving the money to applicants who showed how they would increase the number of counselors from diverse backgrounds or from communities directly served by the school district.

When Trump took office, his administration opposed aspects of the grant programs that touched on race, saying they were harmful to students. In April, his administration said the

grants were canceled because they conflicted with the department’s priority of “merit, fairness, and excellence in education” and weren’t in the federal government’s best interest.

In her ruling, Evanson called that decision arbitrary and capricious and said the states had made a case for real harm from the grant cuts. In Maine, for example, the grants enabled nine rural school districts to hire 10 new school mental health workers and retain four more — jobs the state said would be lost if the funding ended.

“Congress created these programs to address the states’ need for school-based mental health services in their schools, and has repeatedly reaffirmed the need for those services over the years by reauthorizing and increasing appropriations to these programs,” Evanson wrote.

PayPal and UPS help lead US stocks to more records

BY STAN CHOE
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. stock market pushed further into record heights on Tuesday.

The S&P 500 added 0.2%. The Dow Jones Industrial Average rose 161 points, or 0.3%, and the Nasdaq composite climbed 0.8%. All three indexes set all-time highs for a third straight day.

Moves were also relatively modest in the bond market as Wall Street waits for a few events that could shake things up. On Wednesday, the Federal Reserve will announce its latest move on interest rates, while some of the stock market’s most influential companies will report how much profit they made during the summer. On Thursday, President Donald Trump will meet China’s leader, Xi Jinping, in hopes of smoothing tensions between the world’s two largest economies.

Until then, profit reports from overnight and the

morning were the main drivers of Tuesday’s action.

United Parcel Service rallied 8% after delivering stronger profit and revenue for the latest quarter than analysts expected. UPS also gave a forecast for revenue in the all-important holiday shipping season that was slightly above analysts’ expectations.

PayPal climbed 3.9% after saying it made a bigger profit during the summer than analysts expected. It also said it plans to pay its shareholders a dividend every three months, while announcing a deal where internet users will be able to pay for purchases through OpenAI’s ChatGPT.

Skyworks Solutions climbed 5.8% after saying it would merge with Qorvo in a cash-and-stock deal where Skyworks shareholders will own roughly 63% of the combined company, valued at \$22 billion. Qorvo’s stock rose nearly as much, 5.7%.

Microsoft was one of the strongest forces lifting the

Market watch	
Oct. 28, 2025	
Dow Jones industrials	161.78
	47,706.37
Nasdaq composite	190.04
	23,827.49
Standard & Poor's 500	15.73
	6,890.89
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market after rising 2%. That sent the company’s total value on Wall Street above \$4 trillion.

On the losing end of Wall Street was Royal Caribbean, which lost 8.5% despite reporting a stronger profit than analysts expected. Its revenue for the latest quarter fell short of expectations. The cruise operator also said it’s seen a “minimal” hit to its business this quarter because of bad weather, along with the temporary closure of one of its exclusive destinations in Haiti.

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The following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, payable in lawful money of the United States at the time of sale, on the front steps of the Utah County Fourth District Court, 137 North Freedom Boulevard, Provo, Utah 84601, on December 4, 2025 at 12:00pm of said day, for the purpose of foreclosing a trust deed dated AUGUST 20, 2021, and executed by JOSEPH RAY AND BARBARA RAY, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, as Trustor(s), in favor of MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. ("MERS") SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR UNITED WHOLESALE MORTGAGE, LLC, its successors and assigns, as Beneficiary, and PAUL M. HALLDAY, JR. HALLIDAY & WATKINS, P.C., as Trustee, which Trust Deed was recorded on AUGUST 20, 2021 as Entry No. 145820:2021, in the Official Records of UTAH County, State of Utah covering real property purportedly located at 2002 N BELMONT DR, SARATOGA SPRINGS, UT 84045 in UTAH County, Utah, and more particularly described as: LOT 82, SARATOGA CHASE SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, ON FILE AND OF RECORD IN THE OFFICE OF THE UTAH COUNTY RECORDER, STATE OF UTAH.

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The current Beneficiary of the trust deed is CARRINGTON MORTGAGE SERVICES, LLC, and the record owner of the property as of the recording of the Notice of Default is GRW INVESTMENTS, LLC.

Bidders must tender to the trustee a \$20,000.00 deposit at the sale and the balance of the purchase price by 2:00 p.m. the day following the sale. Both the deposit and the balance must be paid to Smith Knowles, PLLC in the form of a wire transfer, cashier's check or certified funds. Cash payments, personal checks or trust checks are not accepted.

DATED: October 17, 2025
LINCOLN TITLE INSURANCE AGENCY
By: Alexis Martin
Its: Authorized Agent
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SK File No. CARR07-0907

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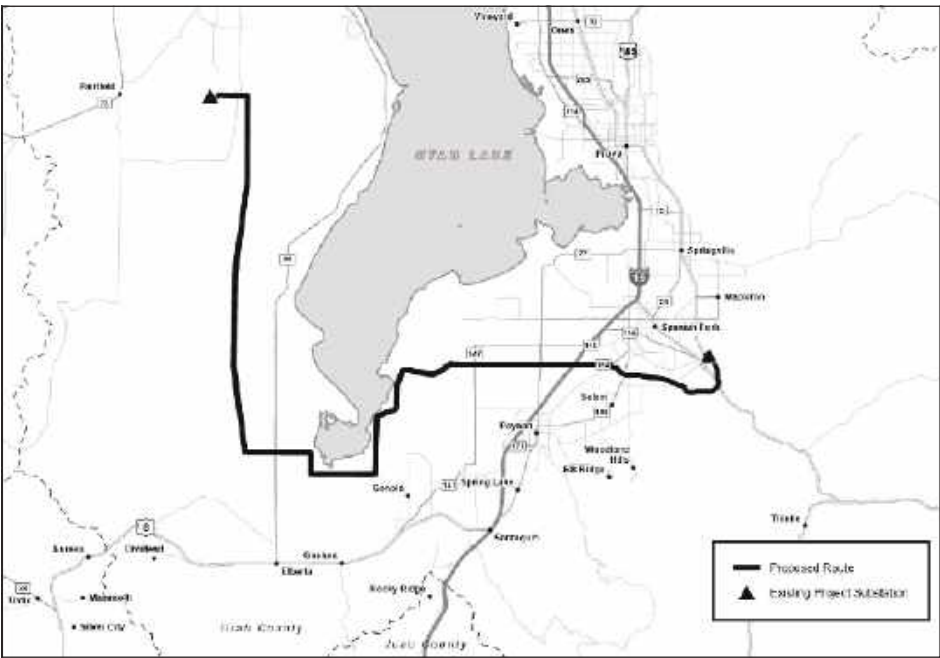
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Spanish Fork to Mercer Transmission Line Project

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study to develop and evaluate alternative routing options to identify a route that has the least impact on communities, land uses, and the environment while also meeting engineering and safety standards.

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More information and a map of the project area can be found on the following website: PacifiCorp.com/SpanishFork. The website provides a description of the project, the need for the project and anticipated timeline. This website will be updated with information throughout the duration of the project. Requests for information may be directed to pmopac@pacificorp.com. Please reference the Spanish Fork to Mercer Project.

Judge expected to rule on Utah’s 2026 congressional map ‘on or before’ Nov. 10

BY KATIE MCKELLAR
Utah News Dispatch

Attorneys for the Utah Legislature and the plaintiffs in the state’s redistricting legal battle cast their final arguments on Tuesday in front of 3rd District Judge Dianna Gibson, who must now sort through more than 1,000 pages of evidence and 15 hours of testimony before deciding the future of Utah’s congressional boundaries.

At the end of the hearing, Gibson said she would issue a decision “on or before” Nov. 10. That’s the deadline state election officials have said is the latest possible date a new congressional map can be chosen in order to give county clerks time to prepare for the 2026 elections.

Until then, the question remains: Will the judge allow the Republican-controlled Legislature’s preferred map to stand? Or will she agree with the plaintiffs and pick one of their two alternatives instead?

Meanwhile, another issue consumed most of Tuesday’s hearing, which focused on debate over whether Gibson should block SB1011, a law that the Utah Legislature approved last month along with their preferred map (known as map C), requiring that three specific statistical tests be used to evaluate congressional maps: the partisan bias test, the mean-median difference test, and an ensemble analysis.

The plaintiffs suing the state — which include the League of Women Voters of Utah, Mormon Women for Ethical Government, the Campaign Legal Center and a handful of Salt Lake County voters — have alleged that the law “cherry picks” statistical tests that are flawed to guard against partisan favoritism in a state like Utah, where the majority party (Republicans) consistently win by wide margins in statewide elections.

They claim SB1011 gives lawmakers “cover” to pass a map that doesn’t comply with Proposition 4 – a law passed by voters in 2018 requiring an independent redistricting process



Mark Gaber, the lawyer representing the plaintiffs, speaks as Judge Dianna Gibson holds a hearing on Utah’s congressional maps process in Salt Lake City on Aug. 29.

that adheres to a prioritized list of neutral map-drawing criteria, starting with minimizing city and county splits.

By requiring the use of three statistical tools that their redistricting experts testified are problematic in a state like Utah, the plaintiffs assert that the Legislature again passed a law that “impaired” Proposition 4 and therefore violates their right to alter and reform their government through a ballot initiative.

“The court has a ton of evidence before it to conclude these changes in SB1011 impair Prop 4,” one of the plaintiffs’ attorneys, Aseem Mulji, said in front of Gibson on Tuesday.

The partisan bias test, especially, creates a “filter” preventing a map that allows a congressional district that leans Democratic.

“If it has a Democratic district, it’s going to be culled, it’s going to be rejected,” Mulji said.

But the Legislature’s attorney,

Tyler Green, argued the Legislature passed SB1011 in response to their interpretation of a line in Gibson’s previous Aug. 25 ruling when she voided the state’s 2021 congressional map.

In that ruling, Gibson wrote that “given the general, non-specific nature” of Proposition 4’s language, the Legislature “retains discretion in determining what judicial standards are applicable and they retain discretion to determine the ‘best available data and scientific and statistical methods’ to use in evaluating” maps.

Green argued that because Proposition 4 specifically calls out “measures of partisan symmetry” to be included in the “best available” methods, lawmakers codified the partisan bias test as a required tool.

“The Legislature had to find a test to measure partisan symmetry. There was no getting around it,” Green said, pointing to testimony from the Legislature’s retained redistricting

expert — Sean Trende, senior elections analyst for Real Clear Politics — who said the partisan bias test is the best and only method.

He also argued that expert testimony from both sides showed that “none of these tests are perfect,” but the Legislature was put in an “unprecedented” position to figure out how to comply with Proposition 4’s requirements, so it used its discretion to set some guardrails on how to test for partisan favoritism.

During Green’s arguments, Gibson asked multiple questions, including whether lawmakers believed that they “had to codify a specific test” in order to comply with Proposition 4.

Green said lawmakers’ concern was “if we do nothing ... then it’s impossible for us to know what target we’re shooting at.”

“It’s impossible for us to say for the public, ‘Look, these were the objective measures we were

using,’” Green said, adding that it was also meant to ensure “the court knows this is the Legislature’s view on what was the best available” methods and why legislators chose their preferred map.

But Gibson pointed to the plaintiffs’ experts testimony that “seem to suggest that by applying these metrics, the ones that have been codified under SB1011, that you significantly limit all of the available options for a proposed (map), and those limits all favor the majority party.”

“So maybe help explain how limiting and restricting the qualitative and quantitative metrics helps to facilitate Prop 4 and the ultimate goal of anti gerrymandering?” Gibson asked.

Green said arguments that the partisan bias test is “no good” assumes that the only maps “that are fair are the ones that guarantee a seat for Democrats in the first place.”

Green said one of the plaintiffs’ experts, Jowei Chen, used an algorithm that almost always created a district concentrated in northern Salt Lake County, and he argued the court has “plenty of evidence to suggest that Dr. Chen’s simulations were anything but neutral.”

But Gibson said that “one of the things that was most interesting to me” was that one of the Legislature’s experts, Michael Barber, political science professor at Brigham Young University, used simulations that treated Salt Lake County differently than other counties, allowing that county to be “cut up more than once.”

“So maybe explain the validity and credibility of running those simulations in that way,” she asked Green.

Green responded that there’s “no dispute” that Salt Lake County’s population is big enough that it must be split at least once in order to draw a congressional map in Utah with equal populations in all four districts.

“The whole of Salt Lake County cannot be kept intact. It must be split,” Green said, adding that while Proposition 4 requires minimizing county splits, it doesn’t specify how many splits are acceptable.

When questioning the plaintiffs’ attorney, Mulji, Gibson asked about the Legislature’s stance that they were required to codify the use of the partisan bias test because their experts said it was the best way to measure for partisan symmetry.

“The fact that it’s called out (in Proposition 4), does it give more importance?” the judge asked.

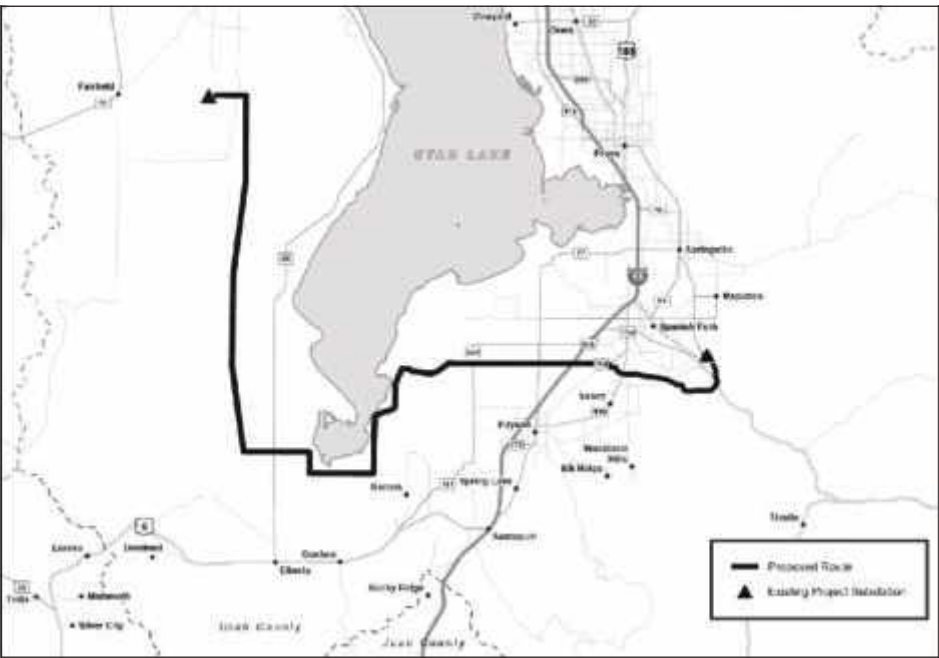
Mulji argued there was no one “exclusive way” to measure partisan symmetry and assess for partisan favoritism, “but the statute makes clear partisan symmetry is just one of multiple methods.”

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