



MEMORANDUM

TO: Roles & Responsibilities Committee
FROM: Jennifer Deck Samuelson, Chair
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DATE: October 4, 2024
SUBJECT: Topics for consideration at our 10/07/24 meeting

The Roles & Responsibilities Committee will next be meeting on October 7th from 6:00 - 8:30pm. Beginning with this meeting, and over the course of the next several months, I would like the Committee to work on developing recommendations to the full Board that, once approved, can be shared with the Commission on the Future of Public Education in Vermont regarding “the composition, role, and function of the State Board of Education to better serve the recommended education vision of the State”.

I would like to begin our discussion with a brainstorming session to consider the following:

- What are the strengths of the Board?
- What are the weakness of the Board?
- What grounds the Board’s work?
- In general, what do we see as the Board’s role?
- In general, what do we think are the Board’s functions?

I propose that we create preliminary responses to each of the above questions that can then be used as a lens through which we can analyze and clarify what we do and how we do it. It is possible that, as we work through our stated duties and authorities, we may decide to modify our responses to the above questions to reflect our updated thinking. I therefore envision that our brainstorming session will be a critical first step to help guide us but that our initial responses may evolve over time as we continue to fine-tune our work. I look forward to your thoughts and ideas on Monday!