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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

**Present:** Rosie Krueger, Chair, State Director of Child Nutrition Programs, Agency of Education; Sean Brown, Commissioner, Department of Children and Families; and Alyson Eastman, Deputy Secretary, Agency of Agriculture

**AOE:** Maureen Gaidys

**Members of the public/others:** None

**Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to Agenda**

Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 9:33 a.m. Chair Krueger said the discussion on the draft report to the General Assembly (GA) will happen after public comment.

**Review and Approve Minutes from December 29, 2021 Meeting**

Eastman moved to approve the minutes; Brown seconded. The vote passed and the minutes were approved.

**Opportunity for Public to be Heard**

There were no members of the public to be heard.

**Review Edits and Update on Meeting with Congressional Delegation**

Chair Krueger shared that she spoke with the Congressional Delegation on January 4, 2022 and gave them an update on the work of this Task Force. They are interested in continuing the changes proposed in the Build Back Better bill and would like to see that move forward. They discussed waivers (Maine) and statewide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which was later denied by United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) because they don't have authority to grant waivers that incur additional costs or waivers that relate to Free and Reduced Lunch eligibility. She said there was some discussion on including the extension of waiver authority in the omnibus appropriations bill. She said her summary is included in the revised draft report to the Education Committees.

### **Finalize [Report to the House and Senate Committees](#)**

Chair Krueger walked through the changes made to the draft report: executive summary with links to sections, tried to incorporate schools already participating in universal meals, addressed the relationship with the Per Pupil Weighting Study and underscored the need for the Legislature to move in tandem. Krueger said there was feedback that the Weighting Study language was confusing and this section was re-worded. There was discussion on collecting duplicative data, using tax information, collecting student data vs. school data, and recommending flexibility for AOE to choose the appropriate metric. Eastman moved to approve the report and submit it to the General Assembly; Brown seconded. Chair Krueger said she would remove the watermark and add the joint logo and submit this report by January 15, 2022.

### **Adjourn**

Chair Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Brown moved to adjourn; Eastman seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:48 a.m.

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Maureen Gaidys

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