

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
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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: Anne Bordonaro, Brad James, Maureen Gaidys

Members of the public/others: None

Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to Agenda

Chair Krueger called the meeting to order at 10:32 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 October 20, 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 Draft Report to the General Assembly

Eastman asked that her title be changed (page 2) to Deputy Secretary, (not Commissioner) of Agriculture. She also asked about including in the report how many schools were participating in universal meals prior to the pandemic. Chair Krueger said that was address on page 3. There was discussion on the draft report specifying schools already participating in universal meals and how these are funded, making a distinction of the 77 schools serving universal meals prior to the pandemic, that schools are already using the Education Fund to offer universal meals, specifying independent schools, that this is an inequity, impact if nothing is done, incorporating feedback on farm-to-school grant, grant fatigue, statewide Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), coordination of data sharing, streamlining access to [3SquaresVT](#) with families with children, and feedback on clarity/length of the report. There was discussion on the executive summary, organizing the most relevant information and a placeholder for 3SquaresVT.

Report on Recommendation of Funding Sources

There was discussion on funding options if it comes off the top of the Education Fund, effect on the yield and tax rates, timing of changes, impact on budgets, input from Vermont Superintendents Association and other education partners, General Fund vs. Education Fund, and keeping recommendations broad and avoiding deep analysis.

Update on meeting with Congressional Delegation

Chair Krueger reported that she has not yet reached out to the Congressional Delegation but will endeavor to connect with them this week. There was discussion on the Farm Bill expiring in 2023 and Child Nutrition reauthorization.

Chair Krueger said one more meeting is needed to review edits and update from the Congressional Delegation and finalize the report to the GA. Gaidys will reach out to Task Force members via Doodle poll and look to schedule a meeting on January 12 or 13, 2021.

Adjourn

Chair Krueger asked for a motion to adjourn. Eastman moved to adjourn; Brown seconded. The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Meeting Minutes recorded by: Maureen Gaidys