

State Board of Education
Education Quality Standards Rule Update Committee

Approved Meeting Minutes

Present: Kim Gleason, Tammy Kolbe, Mohammed Diop, Grey Fearon, Richard Werner (joined at 4:22 p.m.)

Others: Sarah Buxton, Attorney; Ted Molnar; Oliver Olsen; Representative Elizabeth Stone; Representative Rebecca Holcombe.

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

Call to Order, Roll Call, and Amendments to the Agenda

Kobe called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and asked for roll call. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of the [February 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes](#)

Gleason moved to approve the February 20, 2024 meeting minutes; Diop seconded. There was discussion on a friendly amendment to change this sentence: *“Kolbe added that that the legislative intent is for most of the governance issues to be handled at the SU/SD level and not at the school level.”* And replace it with this sentence, *“Kolbe added that that the legislative intent is for most of the governance issues to be handled at the SU or unified SD level and not at the school level.”* A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried, 3:0:0.

Public to be Heard

There were no members of the public to be heard.

Working Session

- Consideration/review of the language changes to working draft in response to public comment.
- Possible Executive Session

Kolbe moved pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 313(a)(1) that the Board finds that premature general public knowledge of confidential attorney client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body would clearly place the Board at a substantial disadvantage. Gleason seconded. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried, 3:0:0.

Kolbe moved to go into executive session to receive confidential attorney-client communications made for the purpose of providing professional legal services to the body, pursuant to 1 V.S.A. §

313(a)(1)(F). Gleason seconded. There was no discussion. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried, 3:0:0.

The Committee entered executive session at 4:13 p.m.
The Committee joined the regular meeting at 4:59 p.m.

A working session occurred. The committee discussed the [DRAFT final Rule Series 2000 – Education Quality Standards \(version 13\)](#) and in that discussion the following topics were covered:

- Statement of purpose
- Discussion of definitions:
 - defined in statute
 - included in body of EQS
 - no longer in document
- References to Secretary and State Board through the document
- How to cleanly reference Independent Schools seeking to meet EQS pursuant to 165(f).

Adjourn

Gleason moved to adjourn; Diop seconded. There was no discussion. Kolbe called the vote; the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Maureen Gaidys