

State Board of Education
Education Quality Standards Rule Update Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Present: Kim Gleason, Tammy Kolbe, Grey Fearon, Richard Werner, Mohamed Diop (joined at 3:45 p.m.)

Others: Sarah Buxton, Attorney

Agency of Education (AOE): Suzanne Sprague, Maureen Gaidys

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

Gleason called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m. and asked for roll call. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approval of the [April 1, 2024, Meeting Minutes](#)

Werner moved to approve the April 1, 2024, meeting minutes; Kolbe seconded. There was no discussion. Gleason called the vote. The motion carried.

Public to be Heard

There were no members of the public to be heard.

- ***Working Session***
 - Finalize consideration/processing of public comments for EQS***
- ***Finalize EQS Committee review of EQS***
- ***VOTE: EQS Committee Vote of Final EQS for Recommendation to the full State Board of Education***
- ***Review Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (LCAR) filing process***

Kolbe moved to approve the draft of the [Draft Final Rule Series 2000 – Education Quality Standards - Version 22](#) as written with no further modifications; Werner seconded. There was discussion on accepting the AOE's comments that were retracted by the Interim Secretary. Kolbe withdrew her motion; Werner retracted his second of the motion.

The Committee decided to walk through comments in the most recent version of the Rule Series 2000. Gleason spoke about moving definitions into the operational body of the rules and leaving them there; incorporating expanded information on tiered systems of support into body of the document; definition of student; section 2111 and removing "locally developed"; section 2113.3 and qualifying "standardized test scores" with "if available/applicable"; section 2120.2 and adding "Career Counseling.". There was discussion on section 2120.5 and 2120.6 - Curriculum Content

Areas and returning to "Curriculum Content Areas" or other options.

Buxton addressed changes related to the following sections: 2120.6 (b), (c), and (e) and there was discussion on not making a policy change this late in the game. Buxton continued with section 2120.6 (g) and 2120.7 - Graduation Requirements. The Committee discussed section 2120.6(h) and adding Act 1 language to this bullet.

Gleason asked for a motion to approve what will be Draft Final Rule Series 2000 – Education Quality Standards - Version 24 as discussed in this meeting with any non-substantial modifications as related to scrivener's-type errors that Kolbe, Buxton, and Gleason might find for proposal to the full State Board on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. Kolbe moved to approve Version 24 of the revised EQS for the EQS Committee to vote out for consideration of the full State Board. Werner seconded. There was discussion on Gleason researching two areas identified (checking with Vermont Curriculum Leaders Association and the Vermont Principals' Association on some policy areas). Gleason called the vote. The vote passed unanimously.

Gleason said the full State Board will receive a cleaned-up version of these rules by the end of the week. Werner acknowledged Kolbe and Gleason and other committee members who started the work ahead of him. Kolbe acknowledged Buxton for her work with this Committee.

Adjourn

Kolbe moved to adjourn; Gleason seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Maureen Gaidys