



**Tuesday, December 19, 2023**  
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**State Board of Education**  
**Rule Series 2200 – Independent School Program Approval Committee**

**Draft Meeting Minutes**

Present: Jennifer Samuelson, Chair; Tom Lovett; Kimberly Gleason

Others: Sarah Buxton, Attorney; Sue Ceglowski, Vermont School Boards Association; Jeff Francis, Vermont Superintendents Association

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

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

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m. and took roll call. There were no amendments to the agenda. Gleason moved to approve the [August 16, 2023](#) meeting minutes; Lovett seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Samuelson called the vote. The vote passed. Gleason moved to approve the [November 17, 2023](#) meeting minutes; Lovett seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Samuelson called the vote. The vote passed. Gleason moved to approve the [November 21, 2023](#) meeting minutes; Lovett seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Samuelson called the vote. The vote passed. Gleason moved to approve the [November 27, 2023](#) meeting minutes; Lovett seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Samuelson called the vote. The vote passed.

***Public to be Heard***

There were no members to be heard.

***Working Session: Discussion of Feedback Received During Public Comment Period***

Chair Samuelson said this working session will be discussing feedback received during the public comment period. Each Committee member attended each of the public comment hearings and should have reviewed each written comment received. In addition, Buxton has created a [spreadsheet summarizing each comment received](#) to facilitate the Committee's discussion. The plan is to review each comment and determine which comments need a response from the Committee and what that

response would be. Some issues might require more information and/or require testimony at a later date.

There was discussion on 16 V.S.A. §164 and §165, the Education Quality Standards (EQS) and Rules Series 2200 committees coming together to discuss overarching themes, tracking the overarching themes to ensure alignment of the two rule series as they pertain to Act 1, Restorative Practices, federal and state entitlements, the definition of academic record, public comments as they relate to the purpose of reopening the rules, equitable access to data, cannot confine the rules once opened but need to remain within the confines of legislative intent, Board's authority to add more stringent language to EQS, language for record retention and where that should be housed, relationship between Local Education Agency (LEA) and independent school, definition of Career and Technical Education (16 V.S.A. § 941), Educational Support Teams (EST), Act 173, education technology vs. technology, educator mentoring, personalization of learning, including definitions for equity and equitable, and needs-based professional learning.

Chair Samuelson said Doodle polls will be sent to get additional meetings scheduled for January 2024. Buxton also noted that the EQS Committee has identified some comments that they would like to refer to this committee. Buxton will add these and note them as jointly applicable comments.

### ***Adjourn***

Gleason moved to adjourn; Lovett seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Samuelson called the vote; the motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Maureen Gaidys