



**Friday, November 17, 2023**  
Virtual via Microsoft Teams  
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## **State Board of Education Rule Series 2200 – Independent School Program Approval Committee Public Hearing**

### **Draft Meeting Minutes**

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

Others: Sarah Buxton, Attorney; WAMC News; Chuck Scranton, Brian Bloomfield, Colin Igoe, Edward Zuccaro, Rod Ames, Sharon Howell, Phoebe Vaughn, Roy Starling, Margaret Schlachter, Dylan Spencer Kenney, Mat Forest, David Young, Ryan Wiese, Allison Choate, Katie Redding, Dave Bentley, Lisa Rathke, Amanda Garces.

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

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

Chair Samuelson called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m. and took roll call. There were no amendments to the agenda. Chair Samuelson said that public comments can also be submitted to [SBE.PublicComment@vermont.gov](mailto:SBE.PublicComment@vermont.gov). She advised that there are two other public comment hearings scheduled: Tuesday, November 21, 2023, from 4-5:30 p.m. and Monday, November 27, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. She said the proposed changes include three substantive categories: 1) updates to apply the principles and goals of Act 1 of 2019 to independent schools 2) a requirement that all independent schools, as a condition of their approval, must annually attest to their compliance with the rules and 3) a new framework that accrediting agencies must follow in order to be recognized by the State Board of Education.

#### ***Public to be Heard***

The following members of the public addressed the State Board of Education Rule Series 2200 Committee:

- Chuck Scranton, the Rowland Foundation
- Brian Bloomfield, Head of School, Lyndon Institute
- Colin Igoe, Head of School, Long Trail School
- Edward Zuccaro, member, Board of Trustees, St. Johnsbury Academy

- Rod Ames, public school board member, Northeast Kingdom
- Sharon Howell, Head, St. Johnsbury Academy
- Phoebe Vaughan, parent and board member, Bridge School, Middlebury
- Roy Starling, Head of School, Riverside School
- Margaret Schlachter, Head of School, Mountain School at Winhall
- Mat Forest, Director of Special Services, St. Johnsbury Academy
- Dylan Spencer Kenney, parent, North Bennington

***Adjourn***

Gleason moved to adjourn; Lovett seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Maureen Gaidys