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State Board of Education Rule Series 2200 – Independent School Program Approval Committee Public Hearing

Draft Meeting Minutes

State Board of Education (SBE) Committee Members Present: Tom Lovett, Kimberly Gleason, Jennifer Samuelson (joined at 4:07 p.m.)

Others: Sarah Buxton, Attorney; Laurie Boswell; Ethan Latour
Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

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

Gleason called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m., took roll call and thanked everyone for attending. She advised that Chair Samuelson would be arriving soon. There were no amendments to the agenda. She said public comment would be limited to 2 minutes, if necessary, based on participation.

Gleason explained that the proposed changes to Rules Series 2200 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. The Committee has also approved other changes to help make the rules more user friendly -- this includes some reorganization, stylistic consistencies and addition of reference to other requirements for approved independent schools that are already set forth in statute but were not specifically referenced in the rules.

Gleason added that public comments can also be submitted in writing to SBE.PublicComment@vermont.gov and they will be posted on the [SBE Rulemaking page](#).

Public to be Heard

The following members of the public addressed the SBE:

- Laurie Boswell. Trustee, Lyndon Institute

Chair Samuelson reminded everyone that there is one more public hearing scheduled for Monday, November 27, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. and that the public comment period will end on December 5, 2023.

Adjourn

Gleason moved to adjourn; Lovett seconded. Chair Samuelson called the vote and it passed. The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Meeting minutes prepared by: Maureen Gaidys