

State Board of Education Education Quality Standards Rule Update Committee

Draft Meeting Minutes

Virtual Teams Meeting/Video/Teleconference

Call in #: 1-802-828-7667

Conference ID: 408 930 243#

Date: February 7, 2023

Present:

State Board of Education (SBE) Committee Members: Patrick Brown, Kim Gleason, Tammy Kolbe, and Tom Lovett

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys

Others:

Call to Order/Roll Call/Amendments to Agenda

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. Brown, Gleason, Kolbe, and Lovett were present. No amendments to the agenda.

Public to be Heard

There were no members of the public wishing to be heard.

Approve February 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Lovett made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 3, 2023 meeting. Brown seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Discussion/Edits

- Resolving/integrating Committee recommendations for the full document:
 - o The Committee made the following changes to the working draft document. (See links: [EQS Committee Edits - Updated 2/11/23](#); [EQS Working Draft Updated 2/7/23](#))

- o Several edits were identified for follow-up with the Act 1 Working Group to ensure that edits have not changed the intended meaning. Chairs will send an email on behalf of the EQS Committee to the Act 1 Working Group highlighting those changes.
- o Similarly, there are some edits for AOE review as well. The Chairs will send an email to the AOE for their feedback on Committee changes (See links: [EQS Committee Edits - Updated 2/11/23](#); [EQS Working Draft Updated 2/7/23](#)).
- Discussion of alignment with District Quality Standards (DQS) & Quality Assurance (QA)
 - o Chairs will reach out to the AOE for their suggestions for alignment and cross reference with District Quality Standards/Quality Assurance measures, timeline for that implementation, and any transition plan to ensure progress toward compliance with any changes to EQS.
 - o AOE will be invited to upcoming EQS Committee meeting.
- Update on legal review
 - o Chairs will reach out to the outside legal counsel, with additional questions to consider alignment with legislation, federal and state statute.

Future Agenda Items

- Next meeting dates: Thursday, February 16, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 21, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
 - o AOE feedback on Committee Edits
 - o AOE suggestions for alignment with DQS/QA
 - o Act 1 feedback on Committee Edits
 - o Review of current documents for independent school approval and NEASC and ASNE addenda for approval of Vermont Independent Schools (Lovett to provide those materials)
 - o Update on legal review
 - o Possible Committee vote on Committee proposed draft for full board consideration.

Adjourn

Lovett made a motion to adjourn at 12:52 p.m. Brown seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Minutes prepared by Kim Gleason
Co-Chair, EQS Committee