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RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 1 V.S.A. § 314(b)

The Legislative subcommittee of the State Board of Education met by telephone on February 4, 2016. The considerations of the subcommittee were presented to and approved by the full Board of Education on February 16, 2016 at a publicly announced meeting.

A notice of the Legislative subcommittee meeting was sent to the Secretary of Administration in accordance with 1 V.S.A. § 312(c)(1) and 3 V.S.A. § 2222(c) and the meeting was included on the calendar compiled by the Secretary of Administration. However, the agenda for the telephone meeting was not posted to a website and there are no minutes from that meeting. 1 V.S.A. § 312(d) requires that at least 24 hours prior to a regular meeting a meeting agenda be “posted to a website, if one exists, that the public body maintains or designates as the official website of the body.” The Legislative subcommittee does not maintain a website but the State Board of Education has a designated website. Meeting minutes are required to be posted by 1 V.S.A. § 312(b) to a website, if one exists. Therefore, it was a violation of 1 V.S.A. § 312 not to post an agenda and minutes of the February 4, 2016 subcommittee meeting. The subcommittee intends to cure this violation at an open meeting by adopting specific measures to ensure compliance with the public meeting law to the extent that it was not already cured by the full Board’s approval of the report.