
Special Education Advisory Panel

Draft Meeting Minutes

Meeting Place: Virtual Teams meeting

Date: March 14, 2024

Present: Kaite Ballard, Jacqui Kelleher, Teagen Comeau, Crista Yagjian, Kim McNamara, Rene Sanchez, Sandra Chittenden, Ana Russo, Heather Willis-Doxsee, Katie McCarthy, Karen Topper, Max Barrows, Hasan Ko, Lindsey Wells

Agenda:

- 4:30 – 4:35 Call to order, minutes, agenda adjustments, approve minutes
- 4:35 – 4:40 Public comment
- 4:40 – 5:40 Indicators 6, 7 and 12 presentation and panel discussion – Purpose: Review the results with AOE from recent Annual Performance Report (APR), ask questions about the measure, ask questions if there is slippage, ask about improvement activities, and provide feedback on the targets set for Vermont
- 5:40 – 5:45 Break
- 5:45 – 6:45 Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA) Presentation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Activity and discussion - Purpose: The Panel will reflect on its own efforts to consider DEIB in its advisement to the AOE/SBE and in its recruitment/membership efforts
- 5:45 – 6:45 Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA) Presentation on Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) Activity and discussion
- 6:45 – 7:00 Membership – materials for feedback and strategic planning – Purpose: Chair will share materials for panel member input and engage us in conversation about recruitment for filling all positions
- 7:05 – 7:15 Bylaws and discussion – potential vote on Bylaws – Purpose: Approve the amendments, as appropriate, given Cammie’s proposed language
- 7:15 – 7:30 State Director’s Request for Input on AOE Visioning – vision statement and initial conversation on goals and priorities – Purpose: State Director needs initial thoughts on Panel’s expectations and will set the stage for a longer conversation in April
- 7:30 – 7:35 Public comment
- 7:35 Adjourn

Call to order, minutes, agenda adjustments, approve minutes:

KB Call to Order

Approval of January 11, 2024 minutes – JK Moved, CN Seconded, Full Approval

Public comment:

No public comment.

Indicators 6, 7 and 12 presentation and panel discussion:

Panel received detailed presentation of Indicator 6. Will need additional time to cover indicator 12.

Break:

Green Mountain Self Advocates (GMSA) Presentation:

GMSA (Hasan, Max, and Topper) Presented on their organization to Panel on their adapted Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Tool. Encouraged Panel to go through as group to develop and work toward equity goals.

The Panel had a rich discussion.

Membership:

Discussion deferred.

Bylaws and discussion:

The Panel expressed no need for further conversation. Awaiting response from Governor's office re: shared seats.

State Director's Request for Input on AOE Visioning:

State Facilitated IEP Meetings, School Team Summit (2025), Brief Discussion of Outplacement/Interim Placements/Use of Tutorial Program.

Public comment:

None.

Adjourn:

7:35.