



**Communication and Engagement Subcommittee
Commission on the Future of Public Education in
Vermont**

November 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Microsoft Teams Virtual Meeting
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DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

Subcommittee Members: Meagan Roy, Chair; Oliver Olsen, Vermont Independent Schools Association; John Castle, Vermont Rural Education Collaborative; Jeff Fannon, VT-National Education Association; Jay Nichols, Vermont Principals' Association.

Agency of Education (AOE): Maureen Gaidys.

Others: 802-272-6395, John Clifford, Dave Schoales, Clare Buckley, Elizabeth St. James. Chester Telegraph.

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

Chair Roy called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m. and took roll call: Olsen, Fannon, Castle, and Nichols. There were no amendments to the agenda.

Approve [Draft Meeting Minutes for October 21, 2024](#)

Nichols moved to approve the [draft meeting minutes for October 21, 2024](#); Olsen seconded. There was no discussion. Chair Roy called the vote. The motion carried.

Public to be Heard

Dave Schoales advised and questioned the committee about the Listen and Learn tour having two sessions at the same time on December 3, 2024. It was confirmed that on December 3, 2024, Interim Secretary Saunders would lead the Brattleboro session and Interim Deputy Secretary Briggs-Campbell would lead the Burlington session. Chair Roy reiterated that even though the work of the Listen and Learn tour is generating information important to the Commission, it is separate from the Commission.

Executive Session: Review Requests for Proposals

Chair Roy asked for a motion to make a finding that premature general public knowledge of confidential bid materials would clearly place the public body at a substantial disadvantage. Olsen moved; Nichols seconded. There was no discussion; Chair Roy called the vote. The motion carried.

Chair Roy asked for a second motion to enter executive session for the purpose of discussing confidential bidding materials related to a contract. Nichols moved; Olsen

seconded. There was no discussion; Chair Roy called the vote. The motion carried.

The subcommittee entered executive session at 8:08 a.m.
The subcommittee returned to the regular meeting at 9:09 a.m.

Fannon moved to bring three of eight bidders for action at the December 2, 2024 full Commission meeting, and we (action of the Chair) have additional questions from two bidders. Nichols seconded. There was no discussion. The motion carried.

Confirm Next Meeting/Meeting Schedule

Chair Roy said the next Communication and Engagement subcommittee meeting is scheduled for December 16, 2024. If a consultant is secured by then, it would be helpful for the selected consultant to join that meeting.

Public to be Heard

There were no members of the public to be heard.

Adjourn

Nichols moved to adjourn; Fannon seconded. There was no discussion; the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 9:12 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Maureen Gaidys.