

**Home Education Advisory Council
Minutes—October 12, 2010**

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:40 p.m. in Room 15 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

Members Present: Mike Benik, Marc Boyd, Michael Compitello, George D’Orazio, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Keith Pfeifer, and Roberta Tenney. **Visitors present:** Sarah Bell, Sue Bell, Stephen Berwick, and Jane Grady.

Minutes: The Council corrected the reference to Abbey Lawrence’s and Mike Benik’s nomination to nominations. The Council approved the corrected minutes of the September 14, 2010 regular HEAC meeting by general consent.

Announcements:

The December 14, 2010 Council meeting will be in Londergan Hall, Room 12.

Abbey Lawrence, Chris Hamilton, and Marc Boyd will attend the October 22 meeting of the Non-Public School Advisory Council.

Chris Hamilton announced that the summer 2010 *Journal of College Admission* includes an article titled, “Exploring Academic Outcomes of Homeschooled Students” by Michael F. Cogan. (<http://www.nacacnet.org/PublicationsResources/Journal/Pages/CurrentIssue.aspx>)

Unfinished Business:

ED 315: Stephen Berwick discussed the rules revision process. His goal is to make the hearing program as transparent as possible. A user’s guide to the administrative process is available from the DOE website (www.education.nh.gov/legislation/documents/UsersGuide2010.pdf). Revisions are necessary to bring the due process section of Ed 315 into compliance with department procedure. Abbey volunteered to contact John Lyons, Chairman of the State Board of Education, to see if the SBE is interested in revising anything other than the due process language. Council members will review the rules and convene as a committee of the whole to report results of their reviews at the November 9 meeting.

New Business:

NPSAC: George D’Orazio moved that the Council authorize Abbey and Chris to attend the NPSAC meeting on October 22 as representatives of the Home Education Advisory Council. Motion seconded and passed.

Homeschooling Portfolio Evaluations: Dr. Pfeifer mentioned that year-end portfolio evaluations should include teacher certification information.

Department of Education Report:

Roberta Tenney again raised her concerns about homeschooling used to avoid compulsory attendance. She reported that it seems some superintendents do not feel they have the ability to deal with attendance issues.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Grady

Note: At the Council's November meeting, the October minutes were approved by assent, with an amendment to clarify that remarks about attendance noted in the DOE report actually were made as clarification to the DOE report in the September, 2010 minutes.