

**Home Education Advisory Council  
Minutes—January 11, 2011**

Chairman Abbey Lawrence called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:35 p.m. in Room 12 of Londergan Hall in Concord, New Hampshire.

**Members Present:** Mike Benik, Marc Boyd, Barrett Christina, Chris Hamilton, Paul Ingbretson, Abbey Lawrence, Neil Nevins, Joseph Pitre, Roberta Tenney, Dennis Wyman, and Nonpublic School Advisory Council nominee Heather Wheeler.

**Visitors present:** Jane Grady.

**Minutes:** The Council approved December 14, 2010 meeting minutes by general consent after making the following corrections:

**Visitors Present:** add “Linda D’Orazio”

**Correction to November 9, 2010 Minutes:** *Old Business* should reflect that Mike Compitello brought a Power Point presentation.

**Chairman’s Report:**

*Senate Education and Finance Committee Presentation:* Senator Stiles invited Abbey and Chris to attend a meeting on Thursday, January 13. The purpose of the meeting is to present information about education and finance issues. Council members made suggestions about the content and scope of Abbey’s and Chris’s comments at the meeting.

**DOE Report:** Roberta reported that she fields about ten telephone calls about homeschooling each week.

**Legislative Report:** Chris Hamilton submitted a written legislative report.

**Unfinished Business:**

*ED 315:* The Ed 315 revision subcommittee briefly discussed the sections that require revisions.

*Council Membership:* Heather Wheeler’s nomination is pending approval by the State Board of Education.

**New Business:**

*Council Membership:* The Speaker of the House of Representatives appointed Ralph Boehm and Joseph Pitre to the Council.

*Definition of Homeschooling:* Abbey mentioned an email query that the NHHC webmaster received from a parent who was using VLACS as part of a homeschooling program. The Council briefly discussed coordination of homeschooling and New Hampshire equal access law.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Jane Grady

Note: The Council approved January 11, 2011 meeting minutes by general consent after Chris Hamilton made the following addition to the Legislative Report:

The Department of Education has \$0 budgeted for home education.