

Home Education Advisory Council

Minutes - January 14, 2014

Chairman Amy Gall called the regular meeting of the Home Education Advisory Council to order at 3:45pm in Room 15 at the Department of Education, 101 Pleasant Street, in Concord.

Members Present: Barrett Christina, Roberta Tenney, Amy Gall, Christine Mukai, George D'Orazio, and David Menard.

Minutes: The Council accepted the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting by general consent.

Chairman's Report:

The rules have completed the Initial Proposal stage with no public comment, and have been submitted to JLCAR for review. Amy will be following up with Mary Mayo.

Amy will send Roberta an email with the current HEAC membership information for the website.

Department of Education Report:

The posting of our meeting minutes to the HEAC page on the DOE website is now up to date.

There have been a number of phone calls to the Department from employers and from colleges and universities pertaining to the documentation of completion of graduation from home education programs in NH. Roberta thinks that there is a lack of understanding that NH law provides for self-certification of the completion of a program. There is no provision for state certification. Perhaps the Council could suggest wording for a statement on self-certification that could be posted on the Department website that would be helpful to employers, higher education institutions, as well as parents.

Roberta also reported her concern about parents who remove their children from school under the pretext of homeschooling but who seem to have no actual intention of doing so.

New Business:

Roberta has requested a statement be written regarding self-certification of graduation from a home education program that will satisfy higher education admissions and financial aid administrators, as well as informing parents considering home educating their high school students. Amy will write up a draft and send it to HEAC members for input and revision. The statement will be posted on the department's website when it is complete.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.