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Public Higher Education Task Force**

February 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes



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A meeting of the Public Higher Education Task Force was held on Friday, February 23, 2024, at 9:00am at 25 Hall Street, Concord, NH, 03301. The following members were present:

Stephen Appleby, Chair
M. Jacqueline Eastwood
Senator James Gray
George Hansel
Representative Rick Ladd
Richard Lavers
Representative David Luneau
Jennifer MacDonald
Cathy Provencher
Mark Rubinstein
Edwin Smith
Nick Toumpas

The following members were not present:

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1. Chair Stephen Appleby called the meeting to order at 9:02am. A quorum was present.
2. Open public comment session from 9:00am to 11:00am; no in-person public comment received, and one public comment received via email (R. DeRosa)
3. Review of written remarks from C. Provencher and T. Leach in regards to 2/2 chancellor presentations.
4. Review of minutes from the 2/2 Public Higher Education Task Force meeting. A motion was made by M. Jacqueline Eastwood to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by J. Gray, and passed unanimously via roll call vote with one correction – R. Gustafson was noted incorrectly as former chancellor of USNH and was changed to CCSNH.
5. Discussion of short-term and long-term recommendations.
6. Discussion of approaches to the work and logistics.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.