

**NH Department of Education  
Division of Educator Support and Higher Education  
Public Higher Education Task Force**

**March 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes**

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A meeting of the Public Higher Education Task Force was held on Friday, March 1, 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  
Butch Locke  
Representative David Luneau  
Jennifer MacDonald  
Cathy Provencher  
Mark Rubinstein  
Edwin Smith  
Nick Toumpas

There were no members absent.

1. Chair Stephen Appleby called the meeting to order at 9:04am. A quorum was present.
2. Review of minutes from the 2/23 Public Higher Education Task Force meeting. A motion was made by M. Jacqueline Eastwood to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by E. Smith, and passed unanimously.
3. Review of report draft and discussion of short-term and long-term recommendations.
4. Discussion of approaches to the work and logistics.
5. Meeting was adjourned at 1:59pm.