

**Home Education Advisory Council  
Minutes—December 13, 2011**

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:** Representative Ralph Boehm, Marc Boyd, Barrett Christina, Chris Hamilton, Abbey Lawrence, Representative Joe Pitre, and Roberta Tenney.

**Visitors present:** Jane Grady, Linda Higgins, and Gail Sudduth.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the November 8, 2011 Council meeting were approved by general consent.

**Chairman's Report:**

The State Board of Education will consider the Initial Proposal of Ed. 315 at the December 14, 2011 meeting.

The New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition board voted to provide complimentary copies to Council members.

**VLACS Presentation:** Linda Higgins and Gail Sudduth represented VLACS (Virtual Learning Academy Charter School) before the council and discussed various items that might interest homeschoolers and Council members.

**Department of Education Report:** Roberta reported that she had responded to a subpoena regarding a matter involving a Nashua/Derry/Manchester truancy issue.

**Legislative Report:** Chris Hamilton presented a written legislative report. Representative Boehm discussed some of the bills included in Chris's report.

**New Business:**

Chris Hamilton reported that the New Hampshire Homeschooling is getting calls from parents who are allegedly being pushed out of public school and required to homeschool their children. NHHC District Representatives will track the number of these calls. She mentioned changes to definitions in New Hampshire law relating to CHINS petitions (Children in Need of Services). Chris also discussed one situation involving a Norwich, Vermont family temporarily living overseas who has decided to homeschool. This family believes that New Hampshire homeschooling law applies in this case because their resident school district is the Hanover, N.H. school district.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Grady (substituting for Dennis Wyman)

Note: At the January meeting the following corrections were made: The New Hampshire Homeschooling Coalition board voted to provide complimentary copies *of the New Hampshire Home Education Guidebook* to Council members.

Chris Hamilton reported that the New Hampshire Homeschooling *Coalition* is getting calls from parents ~~who are allegedly being pushed out of public school and required to homeschool their children~~ *with students who have problems that result in truancy and discipline issues.*