

HOME EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (HEAC)
NH DEPT OF EDUCATION – GRANITE STATE COLLEGE BUILDING – 25 HALL ST.
CONCORD, NH
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2023 ~ 2:30 PM

REMOTE LINK:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82744882591>

Meeting ID: 827 4488 2591

Join by phone: 1-646-558-8656 *United States Toll* or 1-646-518-9805 *United States Toll*

Friday, September 15, 2023

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER ~ 2:30 PM

- A. Selection of Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary **Action Needed**
RSA 193-A:10, III. The chair of the council shall be elected by the council members from the home educator membership on the council appointed under subparagraph I(c).

2. ROLL CALL

3. APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS

- A. 8/31/2023 Term Expirations: Michael Koski, Michelle Levell, Jennifer Pereira
- B. Appointments: Jill Grant, Michael Koski, Dianne Nolin
- C. Recruitment for vacancies *Membership per RSA 193-A:10*
(3) Home Educator Association organized within NH *Will not be filled for 2023-2024 session:*
(1) NH School Boards Association
(1) NH Association of School Principals

4. AGENDA REVIEW – Chair

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING – [May 19, 2023](#)

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS – 10 Minutes

7. IMMEDIATE BUSINESS

- A. Withdrawal: “advise the resident district superintendent” vs. principal/designee
Ed 315.05(b) The parent of a student currently enrolled in a public school shall advise the resident district superintendent of the child’s withdrawal from attendance in public school on or before the date the home education program shall begin.

8. RULEMAKING/LEGISLATIVE UPDATES – Legislators/ED Liaison

- A. **Ed 315 Home Education** (Notice No. 2023-57) **Action Needed** Review & Comment
Rulemaking Flow Chart. Rulemaking Register
RSA 193-A:3 Rulemaking. – The state board of education shall adopt rules, pursuant to RSA 541-A, relative to administering the home education program. The state board of education shall, in addition to the provisions of RSA 541-A, submit any notice of proposed rulemaking under RSA 541-A:6 and

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any final proposed rule under RSA 541-A:12 to the home education advisory council established in RSA 193-A:10 for review and comment.

Ed 315 Timeline	
Ed 315 Initial Proposal	February 21, 2023
Amendments approved by the NH Board of Education	February 21, 2023
HEAC voted to accept the State Board of Education’s approved amended Ed 315 rule proposal	May 19, 2023
Ed 315 Final Proposal	July 20, 2023
Ed 315 Final Proposal approved by the Joint Legislative Committee on Administrative Rules (JLCAR)	August 17, 2023
State Board of Education meeting update	September 14, 2023

- A. [HB 308 \(2023\)](#) relative to a quorum for meetings open to the public to include remote presence. *During the 2022-2023 legislative session, [HB 308](#) was passed into law, amending [RSA 91-A](#), effective October 3, 2023.*
- B. [HB 628 \(2023\)](#) requiring certain non-public schools or education service providers that accept public funds to perform background checks on all employees and volunteers. *Families have questions about how this may impact home education.*

9. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT/Updates from NH Department of Education

10. MEMBER REPORTS

- A. Legislators – Sen. Ward, Rep. Kuttab, & Rep. Peternel
- B. Home Educator Associations Representatives – Mrs. Barton, Mrs. Nolin & Mrs. Villani
- C. Home Education Community – Mrs. Woodman, Mr. Koski
- D. NH School Administrators Association – Mrs. Barker
- E. Nonpublic School Advisory Council – Mrs. Grant

11. CONTINUING BUSINESS

- A. [NHED Technical Advisory](#) addressing Equal Access to public school programs by nonpublic, public charter, and home educated pupils. *During the 2021-2022 legislative session, [HB 1663](#) was passed into law, amending [RSA 193:1-c](#).*
- B. Best Practices review

12. NEW BUSINESS

13. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

- A. HEAC Annual Report presented to State Board of Education – [July 20, 2023](#)

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Next scheduled meetings – [October 20, 2023](#) (if needed) and [November 17, 2023](#)

15. PUBLIC COMMENTS - 10 minutes

16. NON-PUBLIC SESSION – [NH RSA 91-A:3, II.](#) - *If needed*

17. ADJOURNMENT ~ **4:00 PM**

Next Home Education Advisory Council Meeting

October 20, 2023 – 2:30 PM

NH Department of Education – Granite State College Building – Concord, NH

We encourage you to attend

[Ed 315.09 The Home Education Advisory Council.](#)

- A. *The home education advisory council shall carry out those duties assigned to it by the commissioner. The council shall work with home educators and representatives of private and public education to encourage an understanding of home education.*
- B. *Assigned areas of responsibility for the council shall include the following:*
- (1) Developing and maintaining effective communications between home educators and those public, and nonpublic schools and state and local agencies involved in home education;*
 - (2) Recommending to the commissioner and state board of education desired changes in rules pertaining to home education;*
 - (3) Establishing a grievance committee to hear grievances referred to it by the commissioner; and*
 - (4) Providing an annual report to the state board on its activities.*
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