

New Hampshire  
State Board of Education  
Minutes of the July 15, 2021 Special Meeting

**AGENDA ITEM I. CALL TO ORDER**

The special meeting of the State Board of Education was convened at 9:10 a.m. Drew Cline presided as Chair.

Members present: Sally Griffin, Kate Cassady, Ann Lane, Ryan Terrell and Drew Cline, Chair. Richard Sala attended virtually. Phil Nazzaro was not able to attend due to a prior commitment. Also in attendance were Commissioner of Education, Frank Edelblut and Deputy Commission, Christine Brennan.

**AGENDA ITEM II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Drew Cline led the pledge of allegiance.

**AGENDA ITEM III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATES**

A. DRAFT Interim Rule ~ Education Freedom Accounts (EFA) Program (Ed 324)

Amanda Phelps, NHDOE, Administrative Rule Coordinator explained the difference between the interim rule process and the emergency rule process and explained that this interim rule would be following the regular rule making process once the it is adopted.

Amanda reviewed/highlighted the changes made to the draft. There was no board discussion following the review of the changes.

MOTION: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Kate Cassady that the State Board approve the proposed interim rule for Ed 324 regarding Education Freedom Accounts Program.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board with the Chairman abstaining.

Amanda reviewed the rulemaking timeline/process for the interim rule.

Commissioner Edelblut explained how the program is being funded and how this first year the Department will be contracting with one scholarship organization to administer the program.

**AGENDA ITEM XII. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: Ann Lane made the motion, seconded by Ryan Terrell to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

VOTE: The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the Board with the Chairman abstaining.



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Secretary