

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

March 15, 2024 Meeting Minutes



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A meeting of the Public Higher Education Task Force was held on Friday, March 15, 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
Nick Toumpas

The following members were absent:

Edwin Smith

1. Chair Stephen Appleby called the meeting to order at 9:07am. A quorum was present.
2. Review of minutes from the 3/1 Public Higher Education Task Force meeting. A motion was made by George Hansel to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Jackie Eastwood, and passed unanimously (with R. Ladd abstaining).
3. Review of report draft and discussion of short-term and long-term recommendations.
4. Review of HB 1450 revisions.
5. A motion was made by George Hansel to approve the amendments to the HB 1450 draft. The motion was seconded by Jackie Eastwood, and passed unanimously.
6. Discussion of approaches to the work and logistics.
7. Meeting was adjourned at 12:26pm.