

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL  
EDUCATION**

**Education Committee  
MINUTES**

**LOCATION**

**Governor's Council Conference Room  
3601 C Street  
Anchorage, Alaska  
Teleconference**

**Meeting Date**

**March 24, 2016**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Attendees:**

David Kohler - Chair  
Cassidy Jones  
Angie Fraize  
Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus  
Heidi Haas  
Clayton Holland  
Mallory Hamilton  
Margaret Kossler  
Amy Westfall  
Anne Applegate  
Sarah Emmal  
Cindy Higgins  
Jim Kreatschman  
Amber Parker  
Maria Pepperworth  
Colleen Gabriel

**Staff:**

Christie Reinhardt  
Patrick Reinhart

**Prepared by:** Sheila Garrant, Peninsula Reporting

**CALL TO ORDER – 1:30 p.m.**  
**ROLL CALL**

**Welcome**

David Kohler welcomed the committee members to the meeting.

**Announcements and Good News**

No announcements or good news was reported at the meeting.

**Approval of Agenda and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Mallory Hamilton **MOVED** to approve the agenda. The motion was **SECONDED** by Jeanne Gerhardt-Cyrus. Hearing no objections, the motion **PASSED**.

Angie Fraize **MOVED** to approve the minutes from the February meeting. The motion was **SECONDED** by Heidi Haas. Hearing no objection, the motion **PASSED**.

**Correspondence**

Christie Reinhardt reported that the committee received a request from Anne Applegate to have a discussion regarding school districts' struggles with the implementation of the restraint and seclusion legislation. The committee agreed to add it to the next meeting agenda.

**Reports**

**Chair's Report**

David Kohler reported that he was looking forward to the discussion regarding HB 103.

**SESA**

A report from SESA was not available for the meeting.





Christie Reinhardt reported that the SBOE has developed a priority plan that includes three separate areas as follows:

1. Local district control
2. High-quality educational standards
3. Workforce development, recruitment, and retention.

## **Old Business**

### **Alaska Performance Scholarship**

The Alaska Performance Scholarship discussion was tabled.

## **New Business**

### **Policy and Talking Points for HB 102**

Christie Reinhardt gave a brief history and background regarding HB 102, which is an act providing for funding of educational services for students in residential psychiatric treatment centers. Christie noted that the proposed legislation was pre-drafted and has no sponsor, and it has been passed in other states. Christie commented that the bill does not look like an Alaskan solution to an Alaskan problem. She stated that the bill was sent to legislative legal and declared unconstitutional. The bill received some opposition within the House Education Committee.

Christie Reinhardt communicated her findings of the research she did on other states that passed the legislation, the negative impact other states have had related to the implementation of it, and the information she gathered about the contractor, United Health Systems (UHS). The committee members had an in-depth discussion about the proposed legislation and identified areas of concern in order to develop comments to submit regarding the Council's position on the bill. The identified areas of concern included:

1. Educating the legislature about UHS.
2. Addressing the valid points.
3. Address the fallacies:
  - a. with regards to FAPE;

