

MINUTES
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
EMERGENCY MEETING
August 6, 2021
Via Conference Call

Chair Tom Grady called the emergency meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. The following members were present: Vice Chair Ben Gibson, Monesia Brown, Marva Johnson, Andy Tuck, and Joe York.

ACTION ITEM

Approval of Emergency Rule 6AER21-01, Pupil Attendance Records for COVID-19

Chair Grady started by thanking those that called in and reminded the audience that the board is not considering a rule regarding mask mandates and that comments would not be permitted on that topic. Chair Grady then recognized Matt Mears, General Counsel, for a brief overview of emergency rules, and 6AER21-01, Pupil Attendance Records for COVID-19.

Mr. Mears started by briefing the board on the difference between an emergency rule and a regular rule. Stating that emergency rules can only be adopted when there's immediate danger to the public health, safety, or welfare that requires emergency action.

Mr. Mears then provided the board an overview of emergency rule 6AER21-01, Pupil Attendance Records for COVID-19. Stating that the emergency rule will benefit students and school districts because it allows students to continue their education and get credit for those days of school outside of the physical school building.

Chair Grady called for a motion to approve the emergency rule and notice. Mr. Tuck made the motion with a second by Mr. York. Chair Grady then opened the board for public comment. After public comment Chair Grady called the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Emergency Rule 6AER21-02, COVID-19 Hope Scholarship Transfer Procedures

Chair Grady recognized Mr. Mears for an overview of emergency rule 6AER21-02, COVID-19 Hope Scholarship Transfer Procedures. Mr. Mears started by reminding the board this rule is in response to Executive Order 21-175 and that this rule specifically allows students who are subjected to COVID-19 harassment to transfer to a private school, or another school in the district, or another district all together.

Chair Grady called for a motion to approve the emergency rule and notice. Vice Chair Gibson made the motion with a second by Ms. Johnson. Chair Grady then opened the board for public comment. After public comment Chair Grady called the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, Chair Grady adjourned the meeting of the State Board of Education Emergency Meeting at 12:15 A.M.

Chris Emerson, Corporate Secretary

Tom Grady, Chair