

Alaska State Board of Education and Early Development
Approved Minutes
October 5, 2017
In-person work session originating in Anchorage, Alaska

Chair Fields called the work session to order at 9:02am. Members Kenny Gallahorn and Charles Michael were absent. After the pledge of allegiance, the board adopted the agenda for October 5, 2017. Board members declared no conflicts of interest.

Because the meeting was exclusively a work session, the board did not take public comment.

Work Session

Agenda Item 1. Alaska's Education Challenge

Jerry Covey, DEED's consultant for Alaska's Education Challenge, led the board through a review and discussion of the 13 recommendations of the Alaska's Education Challenge committees. Committee facilitators and DEED staff were present and provided a high-level overview of the committee recommendations and justifications, as well as answered questions from board members.

The board expressed their appreciation for the hard work of the committees and the recommendations presented at the Alaska's Education Challenge Wrap-up meeting the day before. Board members shared their belief that all 13 recommendations are transformative, and their desire to see all 13 move forward.

Board members engaged in discussion amongst themselves about the options to message this work to the public and how the goals might be organized. Board members individually shared their top three recommendation priorities.

The board ultimately tasked the Commissioner and DEED staff with proposing a plan for how to message this work and move it forward. The board asked for the plan to be brought to them at the November 2 meeting.

The work session adjourned at 3:15pm.