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To: The TEC Board of Directors

Subject: Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting/Legislative Breakfast February 5, 2021

****Due to the Coronavirus Situation, the Attorney General modified certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law and allowed remote participation for all open meetings. Notice from the Attorney General is attached.**

<https://zoom.us/j/9074828948> Meeting ID: 907 482 8948

Attendance via Zoom webinar:

Jennifer Fischer-Mueller, Canton	Bridget Gough, Walpole
Melissa Pearrow, Dedham	Jeanne Downs, Wayland
Micahel Welch, Dedham	Emily Parks, Westwood
Andrew Keough, Dover-Sherborn	Liz McGonagle, TEC
Beverly Hugo, Framingham	Susan Donelan, TEC
Robert Tremblay, Framingham	Dan Shovak, TEC
Susan Kustka, Holliston	Janet Griffin, TEC
Carol Cavanaugh, Hopkinton	Jean Kenney, TEC
Jeffrey Marsden, Medfield	Janet Maragus, TEC
Armand Pires, Medway	Representative David Linksy
Robert Mullaney, Millis	Representative Denise Garlick
Anna Nolin, Natick	Representative Jack Lewis
Daniel Gutekanst, Needham	Representative Edward Philips
Matt Spengler, Needham	Representative Alice Piesch
David Thomson, Norwood	Senator Jason Lewis
Nancy Gallivan, Walpole	Senator Paul Feeney
John Spears, TEC	Senator Becca Rausch

The meeting was called to order at 9.05 am by Liz McGonagle. Liz McGonagle welcomed all the Board Members, Members of the TEC School Districts, State Representatives and State Senators.

1. TEC Superintendent's Panel

Dr. Robert Tremblay, Dr. Jeffery Marsden and Dr. Armand Pires spoke to all guests regarding the affects the Covid-19 crisis has placed upon all school districts.

2. Senator Becca Rausch

Senator Rausch spoke to all attendees regarding the Covid 19 crisis and how the state legislature is supporting educators.

3. Senator Jason Lewis

Senator Lewis addressed the attendees with an update on how the Joint Committee on Education is supporting educators.

4. Representative Alice Piesch

Representative Alice Piesch also gave an update on how the Joint Committee's work has affected TEC districts.

5. Regional Breakout Meetings were held

Liz McGonagle thanked all attendees for their time and participation in the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40am.

Update on the Open Meeting Law and COVID-19

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Attorney General's Division of Open Government

Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at

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Reply-To: Attorney General's Division of Open Government <OpenMeeting@state.ma.us>

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Update from the Division of Open Government

On March 12, 2020, Governor Baker issued an Executive Order modifying certain requirements of the Open Meeting Law, to enable public bodies to carry out their responsibilities while adhering to public health recommendations regarding social distancing.

The Executive Order relieves public bodies from the requirement in the Open Meeting Law that meetings be conducted in a public place that is open and physically accessible to the public, provided that the public body makes provision to ensure public access to the deliberations of the public body through adequate, alternative means. "Adequate, alternative means" may include, without limitation, providing public access through telephone, internet, or satellite enabled audio or video conferencing or any other technology that enables the public to clearly follow the proceedings of the public body in real

time. A municipal public body that for reasons of economic hardship and despite best efforts is unable to provide alternative means of public access in real time may instead post on its municipal website a full and complete transcript, recording, or other comprehensive record of the proceedings as soon as practicable afterwards.

In addition, all members of a public body may participate in a meeting remotely; the Open Meeting Law's requirement that a quorum of the body and the chair be physically present at the meeting location is suspended.

All other provisions of the Open Meeting Law, such as the requirements regarding posting notice of meetings and creating and maintaining accurate meeting minutes, as well as the limited, enumerated purposes for holding an executive session, remain in effect.

The full text of the Executive Order is available [here](#).

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