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**STATE OF VERMONT**  
SPECIAL LEGISLATIVE JOINT FISCAL  
COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION FINANCE

Thursday, July 7, 2011

Minutes subject to approval

Members present: Representatives Ancel, Branagan, Heath, and Johnson, and Senators Cummings, Kitchel, Sears, and Snelling.

Special Committee Additions present: Representatives Donovan and Speaker Smith

Others present: Administration, Joint Fiscal Office staff, various lobbyists, and advocacy groups.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in room 11 of the State House, and explained the procedures for the public meeting and executive session. The Committee introduced themselves to the public, and then the Chair opened the microphone for public comments on the Review of the Education Finance Study Proposals (RFP responses) [Act 45, Sec. 8 of 2011]. There were no public comments, whereby the public comment part of the meeting was closed.

At 10:50 a.m., In accordance with 1 V.S.A. §313(a), Representative Heath moved to go into executive session to discuss bid submissions and hear related presentations by bidders for the contract to evaluate Vermont's Education Finance System. The motion was approved unanimously. The Special Committee recessed and convened an executive session in room 10 of the State House.

At 2:58 p.m., Senator Snelling made a motion to adjourn executive session, reconvene the public meeting, and request that the Joint Fiscal Office negotiate a contract with Picus and Associates to fulfill the requirements of Act 45. The chair opened the floor for the committee to discuss the motion.

The Chair called for the vote on the motion before the committee, and the committee was unanimous in its decision to pass the motion. The Joint Fiscal Office indicated its intent to move forward with contract negotiation with Picus and Associates for a contract.

The Committee adjourned at 3:02 p.m. on a motion from Senator Snelling.

Respectfully,

Theresa Utton-Jerman, Joint Fiscal Office