

# Minutes

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Meeting: PESC Technical Advisory Board Meeting  
Time: Thursday, December 8, 3 PM ET

## Attendees

Jam Hamidi  
Sue Lou  
Steve Margenau  
Michael Morris  
Gideon Stanstra

Guests:

Jennifer Kim  
Michael Sessa  
David Moldoff  
Brian Allison  
Bill Hollowsky  
Francisco Valines  
Wayne Ostler  
Christi Blabaum

## Agenda

Topic	Lead	Approx. Time
Discussion of Technical Direction	Morris	45 min

Minutes: Morris

## Discussion

Two major proposals came out the discussion:

- PESC would align with the NIEM approach to developing exchange standards
- PESC would become the umbrella organization for the governance of the Education Domain reference schema of NIEM.

The major concern was this was not feasible unless the US Department of Education actively participated in this move to open standards.

Michael Sessa indicated that there are two recent developments that might improve the chances of implementing these proposals: 1) OMB has strongly recommended that all Federal Government departments and agencies who are developing XML exchange standards participate in NIEM, and 2) NCES is considering transitioning its standard setting function to an open standards organization.

As for alignment of PESC with CEDS, Kristi Blabaum indicated that the CEDS code list approach was inconsistent and did not meet PESC guidelines. As a result, they would

not be appropriate for incorporation into PESC standards. Michael proposed that the PESC Board consider that PESC stop doing work on CEDS.

As the result of this discussion, several action items were created and listed below:

### **Action Items**

- Michael Sessa will approach NCES to explore PESC taking over standard setting activity that is currently being done by NCES. Michael will also broach the topic of funding.
- Sue Lou (FSA) will ask Michael Fillinick about his views on aligning with NIEM, and if he is positive, Sue will ask him to determine if there is a general positive view of moving FSA XML standards to NIEM.
- Gideon Stanstra will set up a conference call with Michelle Vidanes of NIEM to discuss the feasibility of PESC being the governance body for the Education Domain schemas. Michael Morris and David Webber (if available) would participate in the call.
- The TAB will continue its discussion on the plan for moving PESC architecture and data modeling to the future NIEM model that is currently being developed. The TAB will use David Webber as a resource to determine this plan.
- Michael and Gideon will try to contact David Webber before the Board meeting next Thursday to determine a preliminary plan. This might be done directly after the call to Michelle if David is available.
- Michael Morris and Gideon Sanstra will participate in the PESC Board call on December 15 at 1:00 EST and provide a summary of the discussion with Michelle Vidanes, the results from Sue's discussions with Michael Fillinick, and a overview of the preliminary plan for moving to the NIEM model (which is redundant).