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Hawkins holds a B.A. and M.A. in Government from the College of William & Mary.

Ellen Hume-Howard is the Executive Director of The New Hampshire Learning Initiative (NHLI). In this role, she supports NHLI's vision to assist New Hampshire schools and districts to deepen their innovative practices in education and improve learning for all students. In addition, she currently serves as the curriculum director for the NH PACE Project. Before joining NHLI, she worked as the Director of Curriculum for the Sanborn Regional School District where she guided the district's research, design, and implementation of a nationally-recognized k-12 competency-based learning system. Since 2014, Ellen has also worked with state and national experts to design a competency assessment program using performance assessment for state accountability.

Lindsay E. Jones is the Vice President, Chief Policy & Advocacy Officer for the National Center for Learning Disabilities (NCLD). She leads a team that designs and implements NCLD's legislative strategy in Washington, DC, aimed at advancing government policies that support the success of individuals with learning and attention issues in school, at work, and in life. She also develops advocacy campaigns and works closely with NCLD's grassroots network of committed parents. Before joining NCLD, Lindsay was the Senior Director for Policy and Advocacy at the Council for Exceptional Children where she led federal legislative advocacy and worked with dedicated educator advocates across the country. Prior to her national policy work, as a practicing attorney she advised schools and families on special education compliance and litigation. Her focus included Office for Civil Rights investigations, state department of education complaints, IDEA and Section 504 due process hearings and litigation.