



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
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Connecticut State Advisory Council

On Special Education

Summer Training/Orientation

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

******* 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *******

Virtual Meeting

(Conference Call Information included below)

MINUTES

Members Present: Jen Lussier, Denise Drummond, Jon Metcalf, Jeffry Spahr, Nachi Bhatt, Brian K. Smith, Kim Williamson, Patricia Nunez, Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting), Jolie Medina (non-voting), Sean Cronin (non-voting), Tammy Raccio (Chair), Tom Cosker (Past Chair), Missy Wrigley, Jane Hampton, Joan-Nicoll-Senft, Catherine Summ, Tom Cosker, Mia Giantonio, Dimpsy Malvania, Jake Shumbo, Allison Kopie, Goviana Morales and Cassandra Reilly,

Guests: John Copenhaver (TAESE)

Members Absent: Doris Maldonado, Sonia Taylor-Smith, Jon Metcalf, Louis Tallarita, Rick Raucci and Rep. Tammy Exum

I. Introduction/Roles/Welcome (9:00)

Meeting called to order at 9:03 by Bryan Klimkiewicz.

The Council members introduce themselves.

Advisory Council Training/Orientation Overview (John Copenhaver, TAESE)

John Copenhaver (TAESE) introduces himself and discusses his roles, also, provides overview on TAESE, establishment and his current role along with operations. He shares information on the following video.

Tammy Raccio adds the link in meeting chat: Link to PBS video
<https://www.pbs.org/video/30-years-after-1595883257/>

Jane asks question on ICC (Interagency Coordinating Council). John refers to Bryan as a response for CT.

a. Advisory Council Overview

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i. Bylaws

- b. Advisory Council Committee Work
- c. Annual Report Development
- d. Questions and Answers\654ewa

II. Lunch Break (11:00)

Bryan K. moves the group into lunch at 11:22 to 12:15 pm.

III. Committee Work (12:00)

- a. Legislative: Jolie M. leads group. Document provided by Bryan K. to structure annual report work.
- b. Membership: Did not meet today and will meet after the 2021-2022 SAC year begins.
- c. Dispute Resolution: Sean C. leads group. Document provided by Bryan K. to structure annual report work.

IV. Presentation of Slate of Officers (12:45)

Missy W. sets the poll up for officers. Slate consists of Jen Lussier (Vice Chair) and Tammy Raccio (Chair) running for their current positions again. The poll

V. Priority Setting (1:00)

Bryan K. reviews with the SAC

- a. Unmet needs of Students with Disabilities in CT

VI. Summary/Next Steps

Jolie M. to send out follow up email with presentations, new SAC year meeting dates and Zoom recording of today's meeting.

Jolie M. to add "Council Functions" to meeting agendas moving forward per Tammy R.'s request.

VIII. Adjourn (3:00)

Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm by Bryan Klimkiewicz.