



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
*STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

**\*\*\*\*\* 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. \*\*\*\*\***  
Teams Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Tammy Raccio (Chair), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Catherine Summ, Nachi Bhatt, Jolie Medina (SDE non-voting) and Bryan Klimkiewicz (SDE non-voting) and Sean Cronin (SDE non-voting)

**Members Absent:** N/A

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 12:15 pm.

**II. Public Comment:**

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.  
Call-In Number: 866-880-0098  
Participant Code: 89689633

**III. Council Matters:**

Catherine provided Membership Committee update and presents Mia Giontonio (student applicant) to the Executive Committee. Also, talks about parent candidate, Dimpsy Malvania.

Tammy asks about nomination and Bryan responds on the process and provides suggestions on how to present new members.

Executive Committee voted to bring forth to the full Council on Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

Catherine asks that at the Council meeting we ask members to consider open positions and work on recruitment.

Tammy talks about agenda for May 12:

- Breakout sessions
- Bryan mentions Oak Hill NEAT presentation and Nachi/Jen agree with needing a further discussion and review.

- Tammy talks about the decision on CT not requiring virtual learning next year. Is there options to be able to assist families whose students excelled in the out of school environments? Bryan responds that it is early on but that he believes there will be solutions and continuous debates on this topic. Nothing prevents a district from offering but comes with challenges. He explains that there are bills that senate and democrats are not aligned on. Agrees that parents are concerned. Nachi talks about summer/camps and student engagement in activities to be able to be acclimated with being around other peers. Catherine comments on how her staff is planning on moving forward with this piece of learning. Bryan mentions ESY and considerations to be made.
- Tammy asked Jen if CPAC has noticed trends in parent concerns. Jen shared that families, including those on CPAC's two Parent Leaders Roundtables, continue to bring up the issue of the lack of appropriate interpretation and translation services for PPTs, and IEPs and the impact it has on monolingual families who are trying to effectively advocate for their child.
- Bryan makes suggestions to Tammy for the May 12 agenda. She asks Sean for agenda to the May 28 Dispute Resolution Ad-Hoc Committee meeting so that she can review with full Council.
- Discussion on summer training. The dates of July 21 and 28 are held and Jolie will check with Council on in person meeting via poll.

**IV. Summary/Action Items:**

Jolie to reach out to Council about summer training and in person attendance.

**V. Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 12:55 pm.