



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



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Membership Committee**

**Tuesday, November 2, 2021**

**\*\*\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. \*\*\*\*\***

Teams Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Catherine Summ (Chair), Debra Grainsky, Jennifer Lussier, Allison Kopie and Brian K. Smith

**Members Absent:** Non-voting members: Sean Cronin, Bryan Klimkiewicz and Jolie Medina

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 9:02 am.

**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. Membership Matters:**

- a.** Review submitted Membership Surveys and consider recommending potential candidates for membership to the Executive Committee and the Full Council for voting.

3 applicants were considered at this meeting.

Discussion on two of the candidates determined that there were diverse qualities in a range of disability categories, geographically, and age range, and included representation of adoptive families and the LGBTQ community. These two candidates were recommended to be presented to the Executive Committee.

Allison Kopie made a motion to approve Lori Fortuna.

Jen Lussier seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Debra Grainsky made a motion to approve Michael Scanlon.

Allison Kopie seconded the motion.

Jen Lussier abstained from the vote, and the rest of the committee voted to approve Michael Scanlon.

The third candidate's application was tabled until Catherine is able to reach the applicant for clarity on one of the survey questions.

The group discussed their continued outreach efforts to get representation from the western part of the state.

IV. **Summary/Action Items:**

V. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 am.