



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



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Executive Committee**

**Monday, May 8, 2023**

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

**Microsoft Teams Meeting**

<https://youtube.com/live/ExecutiveCommittee050823>

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Susan Yankee (Chair), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Catherine Summ (Membership Chair), Sean Cronin (CSDE non-voting), Bryan Klimkiewicz (non -voting) and Jolie Medina (non-voting).

**Members Absent:** Nachi Bhatt and Jeffrey Spahr (Legislative Committee)

**I. Call to Order:**

Susan Yankee starts the meeting at 9:06 am.

**Public Comment:** N/A

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

**II. Consent Agenda:**

- a. Approve April 19 Executive Meeting Draft Minutes

Catherine S. makes motion and Jennifer L. seconds. All in favor of approval of the minutes.

**III. Committee Matters**

- a. May 24 Full SAC Meeting Agenda

- Susan Yankee starts discussion with Bryan K. on the basics regarding the set-up of agenda.
- Bryan K. reviews with Catherine S. the matters from Membership to be added to agenda.

- Structure of future meetings and locations,– would like to return to more in-person meetings. Would like first meeting to be in-person and at the LOB. Suggestion on one meeting East of Hartford and one meeting at SERC (Waterbury). Bryan K. discusses potential dates.
- Group proposes dates and structure for SAC Orientation/Training.
- Susan Y. asks about inviting State Advisory Council members from other states to attend Council meetings in the future. Jennifer L. and Catherine S. think it is a good idea to look at moving forward.

i. Schedule Future Executive Meetings.

b. Membership Matters

Susan Y. makes motion to go into Executive Session for member survey discussion.

Catherine S. seconds. All in favor.

i. Possible SAC Paraeducator Representation.

- Susan Y. states that if we are adding the representation to the Council then it should be a part of the agenda.
- Bryan K. asks for clarification on the role of paraeducator with Council, are they trying to amend by laws to add representation or just have the person involved in SAC workgroups/breakout sessions?
- The members clarify that the previous discussion on paraeducator role with the SAC was specific to amending current bylaws to have the representation.
- Bryan K. responds to talk about preparation of language needed to bring forth to the full SAC.

c. Legislative Matters

- Susan Y. wants to work with Legislative Committee on a Legislative Breakfast.

**Action Items:**

**Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 9:29 am.