



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

******* 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. *******

Zoom Virtual Meeting: Members
YouTube Live Stream: Public Participant Viewing
<https://youtube.com/live/-SACfullmeeting>

(Conference Call Information included below)

MINUTES

Members Present: Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting), Jolie Medina (non-voting), Sean Cronin (non-voting) Susan Yankee (Chair), Jane Hampton Smith, Joan Nicoll-Senft, Nachi Bhatt, Catherine Summ, Brian K. Smith, Jennifer Lussier, Tom Cosker, Denise Drummond, Kim Williamson, Jane Hampton Smith, Jeffrey Spahr, Lori Fortuna, Lena Esposito, Jon Metcalf, Kevin Keating, Rick Raucci, Louis Tallarita, Tammy Raccio, Thomas Melillo, Goviana Morales, Ana Wittig and Missy Wrigley.

Members Absent: Doris Maldonado, Nancy DeCrescenzo, Allison Kopie, Dimpy Malvania, Michael Scanlon, Jake Shumbo, Cassandra Reilly, Marisa Mascolo-Halm (At-Large)

I. Call to Order and Welcome (9:00 a.m.)

Susan Yankee introduces herself and calls meeting to order at 9:05 am.

Susan has asked Council members to introduce themselves.

II. Council Purpose and Function

Susan Yankee reviews the role and function of the Council with the Committee.

III. Public Comment (9:10 a.m.)

SAC meetings are public meetings; members of the public may participate by calling in:

- Call-In Number: 1-866-880-0098
- Participant Passcode: 89689633

Old Business

Jennifer Lussier makes motion and Rick Raucci seconds, all in favor of motion to move Legislative Report to later in the meeting when Jeffrey Spahr is in attendance.

IV. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approval of the full Council November 30 – add Missy Wrigley and Kim Williamson to attendance and correct Dimpy’s last name to Malvania. Missy makes motion to approve, seconded by Bryan Smith, all in favor of approval with changes.

January 11 Meeting Draft Minutes – add Missy Wrigley to , Sean Cronin and under Executive Committee, add apostrophe under years. Rick Raucci makes motion, Jane Hampton Smith seconds and all in favor of approval with changes.

V. Executive Committee Report (9:15 a.m.)

- a. Annual Report Summary

Reviewed by Bryan Klimkiewicz and Susan Yankee with the Council.

VI. Membership Committee Report

- a. Membership Flyer(s)

Catherine Summ presents the final Student Recruitment flyer to the Council.

Mia Giantonio (student member) comments the following:

The flyer lists out all of the options and flexibility for students to be able to attend as we know it can be very difficult during the school year. Providing a lot of options and flexibility should be able to address their concerns. I might also suggest adding some information about how their time on this committee can be used to meet some of their graduation service hour requirements. It is perfectly okay to attend part of a council meeting, or even miss a meeting due to extracurricular events, sports, etc. Members are permitted to attend via phone or zoom. In case a member cannot attend, transcripts and recordings are provided to access the meetings.

Catherine asks if we can post the flyer on the SAC webpage and Bryan K. has given approval to do so. We will post and send the information on where to locate to SAC members.

VII. Legislative Committee Report

- a. Legislative Update

Jeffry Spahr (Legislative Chair) provides a written legislative update and list of bills that the SAC are keeping an eye on to provide to members.

VIII. Dispute Resolution Ad Hoc Committee

Bryan K. talks about the Special Education Call Center and also discussed proactive dispute resolution activities, discussions on legislative levels. Feedback in mediation process has been positive in our state and talks student planning and placement teams meetings.

New Business

IX. Round Table (9:30 a.m.)

- a. Agency/Parent Updates
- b. Topics for next Full Session

- i. IDEA Part B Grant
- ii. Table 7 Dispute Resolution Data

I. Special Education Division Director Report (10:00 a.m.)

- a. CT-SEDS Update
- b. State Performance Plan / Annual Performance Report (Update)
 - i. Parent Survey (Indicator 8), Post-Secondary Outcomes Survey (Indicator 14)
- c. 2023-24 Special Education Training and Technical Support
- d. Inclusive Principal Leadership Initiative

Adjourn (10:30 am.)

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Rick Raucci.

Lena Esposito seconds the motion, all in favor, meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.

State Advisory Council Meeting Dates/Locations:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
1.	September 28, 2022	9:00-12:00 pm	Virtual Meeting
2.	October 26, 2022	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
3.	November 30, 2022	9:00-1:00 pm	Legislative Office Building: Hartford, CT
4.	January 11, 2023	9:00-1:00 pm	Change to Virtual Meeting
5.	February 22, 2023	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
6.	March 29, 2023	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
7.	April 26, 2023	9:00-1:00 pm	In-Person Meeting
8.	May 24, 2023	9-10:30 am	Tentative Virtual Meeting