



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



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**January 12, 2022**

**\*\*\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. \*\*\*\*\***

**Zoom Virtual Meeting**

(Conference Call Information included below)

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting), Jolie Medina (non-voting), Sean Cronin (non-voting), Tammy Raccio (Chair), Missy Wrigley, Jane Hampton, Joan Nicoll-Senft, Catherine Summ, Mia Giantonio, Jake Shumbo, Cassandra Reilly, Brian K. Smith, Allison Kopie, Jennifer Lussier, Rick Raucci, Tom Cosker, Kim Williamson, Jeffry Spahr, Lori Fortuna, Susan Yankee, Goviana Morales, Patricia Nunez, Michael Scanlon and Charles Cicarella.

**Public Attendee:** SPP/APR Stakeholders, Lena Esposito (Parent) and Heather McCann (Parent).

**Members Absent:** Doris Maldonado, Denise Drummond, Dimpy Malvania, Nachi Bhatt, Louis Tallarita, Rep. Tammy Exum, Jon Metcalf and Marisa Mascolo-Halm.

**I. Call to Order and Welcome (9:00 am.)**

Bryan Klimkiewicz and Tammy Raccio call meeting to order at 9:03 am.

**II. Introductions/Roles/Welcome**

**III. Council Purpose and Function**

**IV. Public Comment (9:10 am.)**

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**

**V. Consent Agenda:**

- a. November 10, 2021 Full Council Minutes

Removed Kim Williamson from attendance.

Motion to approve amended minutes by Jane Hampton and seconded by Jennifer Lussier. All in favor.

**VI. Executive Committee Report**

- a. Meeting Updates

Tammy Raccio talks about the Suspension and Expulsion Committee, the SAC's representation, and her role.

b. Annual Report Update

Tammy Raccio reviews and discusses slides with the SAC.

c. Committee Options/Appointments

Tammy Raccio makes an announcement to the SAC about membership and appointments. If anyone is interested they are to contact her, Jennifer Lussier, Catherine Summ, Bryan Klimkiewicz or Jolie Medina.

**VII. Membership Committee Report**

Catherine Summ reviews and discusses with the Council.

Catherine Summ introduces Lena Esposito, a parent representative from New Haven. Motion to appoint made by Tammy Raccio to the Council and Rick Raucci seconds the motion. All in favor of appointment.

a. Membership Update

i. Attendance

ii. Current/Anticipated Vacancies

iii. Vote on new appointments

**VIII. Legislative Committee Report**

No meeting held since the November 10 Council meeting.

**IX. Dispute Resolution Ad-Hoc Committee**

No meeting held since the November 10 Council meeting.

**The SAC takes a 5-minute break and resumes at 10:20 am.**

**New Business**

**I. State Systemic Improvement Plan (9:30 am.)**

a. Target Setting and Improvement Strategy Presentation as part of the State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report Stakeholder Process

i. Part 1: CSDE Presentation Target Setting (input/Q and A)

ii. Part 2: UCONN Presentation Improvement Strategy (input/Q and A)

**II. Round Table (10:45 am.)**

a. Agency/Parent Updates

Allison Kopie (BRS): Starting to plan summer-based learning experience. Last year worked with a work force and will continue to use them as a resource this year. Offering school-based

experience as well. They are open to the public for appointments as well as virtual and telephone appointments.

**III.** Break (11:30 am.)

**IV.** Special Education Division Director Report (12:30 pm.) Bryan Klimkiewicz **delivers report at 11:30 am. prior to lunch break.**

- a. Remote Instruction Update
- b. SPP/APR Stakeholder Process
- c. CT-SEDS/IEP Quality
- d. Teacher Shortage / Diverse Workforce
- e. ESSER Funding Updates

**V.** Priority Break Out Session:

At 1:05 pm. Sean Cronin leads the groupwork and Jolie Medina leaves the meeting.

**VI.** Adjourn (2:30 pm.)

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

**State Advisory Council Meeting Dates/Locations:**

| <b>Meeting</b> | <b>Date</b>        | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b> |
|----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| 1.             | September 22, 2021 | 9:00-3:00   | Virtual Meeting |
| 2.             | November 10, 2021  | 1:00-4:00   | Virtual Meeting |
| 3.             | January 12, 2022   | 9:00-2:30   | Virtual Meeting |
| 4.             | March 16, 2022     | 1:00-4:00   | Virtual Meeting |
| 5.             | May 11, 2022       | 9:00-3:00   | TBD             |