

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

Minutes of the
December 17, 2018
Academic Standards and Assessment Committee Meeting

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Academic Standards and Assessment Committee met on Monday, December 17, 2018, at the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE), 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Call to Order

Committee chair Erik Clemons called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Present: Erik Clemons, Chair
Estela López
Allan Taylor

Absent: Maria I. Mojica

Staff Present: Ajit Gopalakrishnan
Abe Krisst
David Alexandro
Jeff Greig
Stephanie O'Day

I. Approval of the Minutes of October 15, 2018, Academic Standards and Assessment Committee Meeting.

Estela moved, Allan Taylor seconded, that the committee approve the minutes of the October 15, 2018, Academic Standards and Assessment Committee meeting.

Vote:	In Favor:	Clemons, López, Taylor
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Mojica

Motion carried.

II. Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer, introduced the members from the Performance Office.

III. Dr. David Alexandro discussed the modeling and reporting of the Early Indication Tool (EIT) – a tool that is designed to allow for timely student interventions by district/school staff with the ultimate goal of improving student engagement and outcomes. Committee members asked clarifying questions and suggested that the CSDE think ahead to identify districts/schools that may be effectively using this tool.

- IV. Mr. Abe Krisst, Bureau Chief, and Mr. Jeff Greig, provided an update on the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and the standard NGSS assessment that is being implemented operationally in spring 2019. They described how these standards change the learning expectations for students which necessitates corresponding shifts in instructional practices. There was a discussion about the professional development and supports being offered to districts, schools, and teachers. A sample item cluster was demonstrated to give the Board a firsthand illustration of the complex, cognitive demands of this assessment.
- V. Ms. Stephanie O'Day presented a draft of the Connecticut School Report Card. This newly designed report will be visual, present trend information, include an array of key participation and performance metrics, and be available to the public through the CSDE's data portal - EdSight. Board members liked the overall design/approach and suggested that the CSDE plan for an orientation for the Board around the launch of this tool that is currently expected in late January. CSDE will create a brief video to guide users.
- VI. Mr. Clemons suggested and others agreed that this committee meet once every two months for the remainder of the year. Monday morning was suggested as a desired timeframe.
- VII. The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m. Dr. López motioned and Mr. Taylor seconded.

Prepared by Shondel Edwards