

Special Education Cost Model Task Force

Minutes of Meeting January 29, 2018

Call to Order:

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Special Education Cost Model Task Force met on Monday, January 29, 2018 in North Meeting Room G of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

Ms. Liz Donohue, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor, called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Task force members in attendance:

- Kathy Demsey, Chief Financial Officer, State Department of Education
- Stephen DiCenso, Consulting Actuary, Milliman, Inc.
- Liz Donohue, Deputy Chief of Staff, Office of the Governor
- John Flanders, Connecticut Parent Advocacy Center
- Matthew Galligan, Town Manager, South Windsor
- Marie Salazar Glowski, Assistant Executive Director, Connecticut Association of Schools
- Jeffrey Kitching, Executive Director, EdAdvance
- Janet Peruccio, Superintendent, Old Saybrook Public Schools
- David Scata, Executive Director, Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education (ConnCASE)
- Jeyaraj Vadiveloo, Director, Goldenson Center for Actuarial Research, University of Connecticut (by phone)

Task force members absent:

- Michael Grove, Assistant Superintendent for Technology and Operations, Meriden Public Schools

Others in attendance:

- Kyle Abercrombie, Connecticut Finance Project
- Martha Deeds, Connecticut School Finance Project
- Mary Glassman, Capitol Region Education Council
- Leah Grenier, Office of Policy and Management
- Sheila McKay, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education
- Mandi Lewis, Office of the Governor
- Fran Rabinowitz, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents
- Katie Roy, Connecticut School Finance Project

1. Introductions

Task force members and guests introduced themselves to each other.

2. Review of statutory requirements

The task force’s statutory charge was read aloud and discussed by task force members.

3. Election of Chair

Ms. Donohue nominated Mr. Galligan to serve as chair of the task force. Dr. Kitching moved, Mr. Flanders seconded, to nominate Mr. Galligan as chair of the task force.

VOTE ON MOTION:

In favor: Dempsey, DiCenso, Donohue, Flanders, Galligan, Glowski, Kitching, Peruccio, Scata, Vadiveloo

Opposed: 0

Abstained: 0

Absent: Grove

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Discussion of work plan

The task force discussed a potential work plan and decided that the Connecticut School Finance Project and Janet Grace from the Captive Insurance Division of the Department of Insurance will be invited to present at the next meeting. From there, the task force will decide on committees and create a work plan.

The task force asked the Connecticut School Finance Project to distribute to the task force materials about the Special Education Predictable Cost Cooperative proposal and a report which includes a 50-state survey of special education finance systems for task force members to review prior to the next meeting.

5. Schedule upcoming meetings

The task force decided to meet again in 2-3 weeks. Mr. Galligan and Ms. Donohue agreed to work together to schedule the meeting.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:55 P.M.