

# Connecticut State Board of Education

## Hartford

Meeting of April 6, 2022  
9:30 a.m.

450 Columbus Boulevard  
Plaza North Conference Room C & D  
Hartford, CT 06103

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## A G E N D A

### The Board's Four Promises to Students:

1. Making sure students learn what they need to know to succeed in college, career, and life;
2. Giving students access to great teachers and school leaders;
3. Supporting schools and districts in staying on target with learning goals; and
4. Ensuring students' non-academic needs are met so they are healthy, happy, and ready to learn.

Ensuring Equity and Excellence for All Connecticut Students:  
The Connecticut State Board of Education's Five-year Comprehensive Plan, 2016-21

- I. Call to Order
  - o Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Public Participation
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Consideration of Minutes of the March 2, 2022, State Board of Education Meeting
- V. Report of the Chair
- VI. Report of the Commissioner
- VII. Items Requiring Action
  - A. Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport  
Lisa Lamenzo  
Desi Nesmith
  - B. Renewal of State Charter – Explorations Charter School, Winsted  
Lisa Lamenzo  
Desi Nesmith

VII. Items Requiring Action (continued)

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| C. Renewal of State Charter – Great Oaks Charter School, Bridgeport                | Lisa Lamenzo<br>Desi Nesmith |
| D. Appointments to State Board of Education Five-year Strategic Planning Committee | Keith Norton                 |
| E. Recognition of Paraeducators  | Charlene Russell-Tucker      |

VIII. Financial Matters

IX. Consent Agenda (Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member)

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| A. Appointments to Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) Program Approval Review Committee | Shuana Tucker               |
| B. Request for Finance Advisory Committee Action (CTECS)                                 | Kathy Demsey<br>Ellen Solek |
| C. 180-Day School Year Waiver Request – Norwich Public Schools                           | Mike McKeon                 |

X. Committee Reports

- A. Academic Standards and Assessment
- B. Accountability and Support
- C. Finance, Audit, and Budget
- D. Legislation and Policy Development
- E. Connecticut Technical education and Career System Board
- F. NASBE
- G. SERC

XI. Items for Discussion

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| A. Agency Update  |   |
| B. 2020-2021 Report on Student Discipline in Connecticut Public Schools | Ajit Gopalakrishnan<br>John Frassinelli |

XI. Items for Discussion (continued)

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| C. An Enhanced Educator Certification Reciprocity Policy | Shuana Tucker |
| D. Connecticut K- 8 Model Curricula                      | Irene Parisi  |

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**Committee Meeting**

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee will meet on April 6, 2022.

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**Public Participation.** If you wish to speak during public participation and would like the Board to receive a copy of your prepared remarks, please bring 20 copies to the meeting. The sign-up sheet will be available at the entrance of the meeting room until 9:30 a.m. **Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.**

**Notes**

- Please note that times listed are approximate, and the order of the agenda is subject to change.
- Any item(s) inserted on the agenda subsequent to this mailing and prior to the State Board of Education meeting will be available in the Commissioner's Office not less than 24 hours before the meeting.
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