

VII.C.

Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:

January 3, 2024

Resolved, That the State Board of Education (SBE), pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-144d of the Connecticut General Statutes, appoints the following individual to serve on the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards for a three-year term retroactively effective from October 1, 2023, and ending September 30, 2026, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

| Name | Affiliation | Representation | Term Ending |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Dianna R. Wentzell, Ed.D. | University of Saint Joseph | Teacher Preparation Program | Sept. 30, 2026 |

Approved by a vote of _____ this third day of January, Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

Signed: _____
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary
State Board of Education

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

To: State Board of Education

From: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education

Date: January 3, 2024

Subject: State Board of Education Appointment to the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards (CACTPS)

Executive Summary

Introduction

Pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-144d of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Board of Education (SBE) is required to appoint two members to the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards, both of whom shall be a member of the faculty or administration of an SBE-approved teacher preparation program.

History/Background

The Council was established to (1) advise the SBE, the Governor, and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education concerning teacher preparation, teacher recruitment, teacher certification, teacher professional development, teacher assessment and evaluation, and teacher professional discipline; (2) review and comment upon all regulations and other standards concerning the approval of teacher preparation programs and teacher certification; (3) report to the SBE, the Governor, and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education annually on its activities and recommendations, if any, concerning the condition of the teaching profession; and (4) develop a code of professional responsibility for teachers not later than September 30, 1993.

On June 21, 1993, the SBE voted to adopt the code of professional responsibility located in the Regulations Concerning State Educator Certificates, Permits, and Authorizations (Section 10-145d-400a).

Recommendation and Justification

In order to restore full membership to the Connecticut Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards the following individual is recommended for appointment by the SBE:

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A short biography of this nominee can be found in **Attachment A**.

Follow-up Activity

If approved, this member will begin service effective immediately and will be asked to attend the next Council meeting scheduled for January 12, 2024.

Recommendation for a second nominee is in progress.

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Talent Office

ATTACHMENT A



Wentzell, Dianna (Dr.). Dr. Wentzell is Associate Professor of Education at the University of Saint Joseph, Department of Education in West Hartford, CT. She also serves as the Director of Clinical Practice at USJ and directs the clinical field work of teacher candidates in early, mid, and end of preparation coursework. Dianna has taught the Student Teaching Seminar that accompanies the student teaching experience. Before joining the USJ Department of Education, she served as the Connecticut Commissioner of Education from 2015-2019. Previous to that she served as the Chief Academic Officer at CSDE from 2013-2015. Before joining the State Department of Education, Dianna had a long career in public education as a social studies teacher, curriculum leader, and central office administrator in Connecticut school districts. Dr. Wentzell is a graduate of Mount Holyoke College, earned an M.Ed. from UMASS/Amherst, and a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Hartford.