

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Report of the Chairperson
March 4, 2015**

Board Member Confirmations

I am pleased to report that State Board of Education members Erin Benham, Maria Mojica, Terry Jones and Estela Lopez have completed the confirmation process, and will serve a four-year term ending February 2019.

Student Member Search

The statewide search for our 2015-16 student members is underway. This effort is coordinated by the State Student Advisory Council on Education. The postmark closing date for applications is March 16.

Recognition of Outstanding Educators

Please save the date: The annual recognition of outstanding educators will be held following the State Board of Education on May 6, 2015. The location will be announced shortly.

Charter School Hearings

To date, the Board has hosted three charter school renewal hearings: New Beginnings Family Academy (Bridgeport); Odyssey (Manchester); and Stamford Academy (Stamford). The hearing on ISAAC (New London) was scheduled for March 3 but was postponed due to weather conditions. A Board member presided over each hearing (Trefry; Lopez; Trefry, respectively). In addition to ISAAC, two additional hearings will take place: Explorations (Winsted) on March 5; and Common Ground (New Haven) on March 10. I will chair the Explorations hearing, and Ms. Mojica will chair the Common Ground hearing.

NASBE Legislative Conference

Stephen Wright will attend the NASBE Annual Legislative Policy Forum March 21-24. This is a joint event of NASBE and CCSSO. The theme for the 2015 forum is "Federal Education Policy Under Construction."