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## Connecticut State Board of Education Hartford

### To Be Proposed:

June 5, 2024

**Resolved,** That the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-144e of the Connecticut General Statutes, appoints the following individual to serve on the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards for a two-year term effective from September 1, 2024, and ending August 31, 2026, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

| <b>Name</b>         | <b>Affiliation</b>  | <b>Representation</b> | <b>Term Ending</b> |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Maria Campos Harlow | Executive Director at the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford | Business and Industry | August 31, 2026    |

Approved by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_ this fifth day of June, 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:** June 5, 2024

**Subject:** State Board of Education Appointment to the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards

**Executive Summary**

**Introduction**

Pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 10-144e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the State Board of Education (SBE) is required to appoint two members to the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards, one of whom shall represent business and industry.

**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 administrator preparation, training, certification, professional development, assessment and evaluation and professional discipline; (2) review and comment upon all regulations and other standards concerning the approval of administrator preparation programs and administrator certification; (3) report to the SBE, the Governor and the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education not later than January 15, 1993, and annually thereafter, on its activities and recommendations, if any, concerning the condition of the school administrator profession; and (4) develop a code of professional responsibility for school administrators 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-400b).

**Recommendation and Justification**

To restore full membership to the Connecticut Advisory Council for Administrator Professional Standards, the following individual is recommended for appointment by the Connecticut 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 September 1, 2024, and will be asked to attend the next Council meeting to be scheduled for September 2024.

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## ATTACHMENT A



**Maria Campos Harlow.** Maria Campos Harlow is a dedicated community leader whose work has significantly impacted Wallingford since 2008. Maria has played pivotal roles in various organizations, focusing on serving economically challenged members of the community. Her journey in the non-profit world began as the Executive Director of the Spanish Community of Wallingford (SCOW), where she worked for eight years, forging a strong partnership with Wallingford Public Schools to enhance communication between Hispanic parents and school personnel. She developed programs that equipped parents with strategies to support their children's academic success, demonstrating her passion for community engagement and economic development.

Currently, Maria serves as the Executive Director at the United Way of Meriden and Wallingford, where she continues her mission to uplift and empower those in need. Her dynamic leadership extends to her active participation on several boards, and she has received numerous awards for her dedication to creating opportunities and improving the lives of Latinos and those struggling with poverty in the greater New Haven area.

Maria holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Universidad de Los Andes in Bogotá, Colombia. She further enhanced her skills by completing a Professional Certificate in Court Interpreting at New York University and a Nonprofit Business Excellence program for Catholic Leaders at the University of Notre Dame. Originally from Bogotá, Maria now calls Wallingford her permanent home, where she lives with her husband, John, and their 10-year-old daughter, Fiona.