

VII.B.

Connecticut State Board Of Education Hartford

To Be Proposed:

October 9, 2024

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-357a (b) (1) (B) of the Connecticut General Statutes, appoint Patricia Sullivan-Kowalski to the State Education Resource Center Board of Directors for a term coterminous with that of the Governor or until a successor has been appointed and qualified, whichever is longer, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of _____, this ninth day of October, 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: October 9, 2024

SUBJECT: Appointment to the State Education Resource Center Board of Directors

Executive Summary

Introduction

The purpose of this report is to recommend, on behalf of Vice Chairperson Erin Benham, that the State Board of Education appoint a member to the State Education Resource Center Board of Directors.

History/Background

Section 10-357a of the Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.), established and created a “body politic and corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political subdivision of the state of Connecticut established and created to be a public educational authority acting on behalf of the state of Connecticut, to be known as the State Education Resource Center [SERC].” The center is not to be construed as a department, institution, or agency of the state. Rather, it serves as a quasi-public agency.

C.G.S. Section 10-357a (b) describes the composition of the Board of Directors that will oversee SERC:

The powers of the center shall be vested in and exercised by a board of directors, which shall consist of the following members: (A) Four appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of both houses of the General Assembly; (B) two appointed by the State Board of Education, with the advice and consent of both houses of the General Assembly; (C) one appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate; (D) one appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; (F) one appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives; (G) one appointed by the majority leader of the House of Representatives; (H) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of Representatives; and (I) the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner’s designee.

Each member appointed by the Governor or State Board of Education shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor, but not longer than the term of office of the Governor or until the member’s successor is appointed and has qualified, whichever term is longer.

The purposes of SERC shall be to assist the State Board of Education in the provision of programs and activities that will promote educational equity and excellence. These are detailed in Section 10-137b.

Recommendation

I recommend for your consideration that the Board appoint Patricia Sullivan-Kowalski to the SERC Board of Directors.

Follow Up

Upon consideration and approval of the appointment of the recommended individual, I will submit the name of the Board's appointment to the Governor's Office and will notify the appointee of the Board's action. The member will attend a confirmation hearing when the General Assembly reconvenes.