

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Minutes
State Board of Education Meeting
March 4, 2020
(Approved May 13, 2020)**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, March 4, 2020, in Plaza North Meeting Room C and D of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Allan Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Present: Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson
Estela López, Vice Chairperson
Erin D. Benham
Bonnie E. Burr
Milan Chand, Student Member
Sophia H. Chin, Student Member
Erik M. Clemons
William P. Davenport
Karen DuBois-Walton
Donald F. Harris, Jr.
Martha Paluch Prou
Awilda Reasco
Malia K. Sieve
Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio

Absent: Mark Ojakian, Ex Officio

Oath of Office

Attorney Jessa Y. Mirtle, Commissioner of the Superior Court, administered the Oath of Office to the newly appointed Board member Bonnie E. Burr. A copy of the Oath of Office is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.

II. Public Participation

1. Christine Smith, spoke on the significance of the Anne Marie Murphy Paraeducator of the Year Award program. A copy of Ms. Smith's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.

2. Eddie Santiago, spoke on the renewal of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport. A copy of Mr. Santiago's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
3. Kayanna Clark, a student, spoke in support of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport. A copy of Ms. Clark's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
4. Jeyleen Lopez, a student, spoke in support of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport. A copy of Mr. Lopez's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
5. Jennifer Renkiewicz, spoke in support agenda item VI.C., Renewal of State Charter – Odyssey Community School, Manchester.
6. Anita Baten, spoke in support of the school regarding agenda items VI.C., Renewal of State Charter – Odyssey Community School, Manchester.
7. Mario Reid, a student, spoke in support of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport. A copy of Mr. Reid's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
8. Leeasya Lindsey, a student, spoke in support of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport. A copy of Ms. Lindsey's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
9. Tyrone Elliott, spoke in support of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport. A copy of Mr. Elliott's written statement is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
10. Iris Jimenez, spoke in support of agenda item VI.B., Renewal of State Charter – Common Ground, New Haven.
11. Stacey Kendrick, spoke in support of agenda item VI.D., Renewal of State Charter – The Bridge Academy, Bridgeport.
12. Monique Frasier, spoke in support of agenda item VI.B., Renewal of State Charter – Common Ground, New Haven.
13. Richard M. Goodrich, spoke on Waterbury Public Schools and teacher diversity. A copy of Mr. Goodrich's handout is enclosed in the official file of this meeting.
14. Anne Manusky, spoke on the status of the Connecticut State ESSA Plan, Common Core, and the need to remedy the young enrollment kindergarten age.
15. Rev. Ernestine Holloway, an advocate for inner city urban schools, addressed the board on several matters.

16. Thomas Stringfellow, addressed the Board on several matters, including movie and reading recommendations.

III. Executive Session

Chairperson Taylor requested a motion to go into Executive Session for the consideration and recommendation of the appointment of Chief Talent Officer.

On a motion by Dr. López, seconded by Mrs. Benham, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 10:40 a.m. to discuss personnel matters. Present in executive session were Board members Mrs. Benham, Ms. Burr, Mr. Chand, Ms. Chin, Mr. Clemons, Mr. Davenport, Dr. DuBois-Walton, Mr. Harris, Dr. López, Mrs. Prou, Mrs. Reasco, Mrs. Sieve, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Trefry. Also, present for executive session were Commissioner Miguel Cardona, Dr. Shuana Tucker, and Staff Assistant Aldith Dewar.

On a motion by Mrs. Benham, seconded by Mrs. Sieve, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn its executive session and reconvene in public session at 11:10 a.m.

The Board reconvened its regular meeting at 11:10 a.m.

Present: Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson
 Estela López, Vice Chairperson
 Erin D. Benham
 Bonnie E. Burr
 Milan Chand, Student Member
 Sophia H. Chin, Student Member
 Erik M. Clemons
 William P. Davenport
 Karen DuBois-Walton
 Donald F. Harris, Jr.
 Martha Paluch Prou
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Absent: Mark Ojakian, Ex Officio

IV. Consideration of Minutes

A. February 6, 2020, State Board of Education Meeting

Dr. DuBois-Walton moved, Mrs. Benham seconded, that the Board adopt the minutes of the February 6, 2020, State Board of Education Meeting.

The meeting recessed for lunch at 1:21 p.m.

Chairperson Allan Taylor reconvened the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Present: Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson
Estela López, Vice Chairperson
Erin D. Benham
Bonnie E. Burr
Milan Chand, Student Member
Sophia H. Chin, Student Member
William P. Davenport
Martha Paluch Prou
Awilda Reasco
Malia K. Sieve
Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio

Absent: Erik M. Clemons
Karen DuBois-Walton
Donald F. Harris, Jr.
Mark Ojakian, Ex Officio

VII. Report of the Chair

Chairperson Taylor did not provide a report.

VIII. Financial Matters

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

IX. Consent Agenda

Mr. Trefry requested that agenda item IX.C., Approval of Material Change to Elm City College Preparatory, New Haven, be removed from the Consent agenda for discussion. Mr. Trefry referenced an edit to be made on page 2 of Attachment A.

Dr. López moved, Mr. Davenport seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent agenda items: IX.A., Town of Winchester's Application for Waiver of Repayment Pursuant to Section 304 of Public Act 15-5 of the June Special Session; IX.B., Approval of the 2020-21 Concussion and Head Injury Annual Review for Coaches, and IX.D., Receipt of the Condition of Education Report, 2018-19.

A. Town of Winchester’s Application for Waiver of Repayment Pursuant to Section 304 of Public Act 15-5 of the June Special Session

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchester, pursuant to Section 304(b) of Public Act 15-5 of the June Special Session, has applied for a waiver of the final repayment of \$144,173 required to be made annually by April 30 under the repayment agreement required under Section 304(a) of Public Act 15-5 of the June Special Session for reimbursement of overpayments made by the State pursuant to Section 10-76g of the General Statutes during the fiscal years ending June 30, 2013, to June 30, 2014, inclusive; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Winchester has demonstrated significant improvement in the fiscal and financial practices of its school district, has demonstrated that structural changes have been implemented to ensure the school district is properly handling taxpayer funds, and has satisfied other criteria required by the Commissioner; now therefore be it,

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education approves the waiver application submitted by the Town of Winchester pursuant to Section 304(b) of Public Act 15-5 of the June Special Session for the payment to be made by April 30, 2020, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

B. Approval of the 2020-21 Concussion and Head Injury Annual Review for Coaches

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Subsection (b)(2) of Section 10-149b of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the 2020-21 Concussion and Head Injury Annual Review for Coaches, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

D. Receipt of the Condition of Education Report, 2018-19

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-4(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, receives *The Condition of Education in Connecticut* (2018-19) and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION:	In favor:	Benham, Burr, Davenport, López, Prou, Reasco, Sieve, Taylor
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Clemons, DuBois-Walton, Harris

Motions carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Material Change to Elm City College Preparatory, New Haven

Dr. López moved, Mr. Davenport seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent agenda item: IX.C., Approval of Material Change to Elm City College Preparatory, New Haven.

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66ss of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the material change to Elm City College Preparatory (ECCP) operation consolidating two schools, elementary school (Elm City College Preparatory Elementary School) and middle school (Elm City College Preparatory Middle School) to one location for the 2020-21 school year, subject to the Commissioner's March 4, 2020, memorandum to the Board, "Approval of Material Change to Elm City College Preparatory," and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION:	In favor:	Benham, Burr, Davenport, López, Prou, Reasco, Sieve, Taylor
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Clemons, DuBois-Walton, Harris

Motion carried unanimously.

X. Items for Discussion

A. College Enrollment, Credit Attainment and Remediation of High School Graduates (P20WIN Report)

A panel consisting of Chief Performance Officer Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Dr. William Gammell, Director Office of Research & System Effectiveness, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; Dr. Lloyd Blanchard, Associate Vice President for Budget, Management, and Institutional Research, University of Connecticut; and Jan R. Kiehne, Sr. Assoc. for Division Support Resources, P20 WIN Program Manager, Connecticut State Colleges and Universities; presented a report on results from P20WIN for the High School Graduating Classes of 2010 through 2014. The report answered the following three questions related to high school graduates in Connecticut colleges:

1. Enrollment: What percentage of the graduating class enrolled in a Connecticut public university or community college (UCONN, the four Connecticut State Universities, and 12 Connecticut community colleges) within 16 months of graduation?
2. Credit Attainment: What percentage of those who enrolled in a Connecticut public university or community college within 16 months of graduation earned at least one year's worth of credits (24 or more) within two years of enrollment?

3. Remediation: What percentage of those who enrolled in one of the four Connecticut State Universities or one of the 12 community colleges within 16 months of graduation took a remedial course within two years of enrollment?

Discussion ensued with questions and answers.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Academic Standards and Assessment

No report was presented.

B. Accountability and Support

Dr. López reported that the committee did not meet in February 2020.

C. Finance, Audit, and Budget

No report was presented.

D. Legislation and Policy Development

Mrs. Benham reported that the committee met that morning. A discussion was held on Gun Safety Guides. For the April 1, 2020, meeting, a district that is changing its school start time will present.

E. Connecticut Technical Education and Career System Board

CTECS Chairman Trefry introduced Superintendent Jeffrey Wihbey. Mr. Wihbey reported on the previous month recruitment process for students and staff.

F. NASBE

Chairperson Taylor reported that the Connecticut State Board of Education is a member of NASBE.

Chairperson Taylor adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Prepared by: _____

Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Secretary
State Board of Education