

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**The Legislation and Policy Development Committee**

Wednesday, February 3, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

*Fully Remote*

Erin D. Benham, Chair

Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Bonnie E. Burr, Karen DuBois-Walton, Robert Trefry and Elwood Exley,  
Jr.

**Minutes**

*Approved March 3, 2021*

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met remotely due to COVID-19, on February 3, 2021.

**This meeting was live streamed for public access.**

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Erin Benham called the meeting to order at 8:30 am. Also present remotely were Committee members: Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Robert Trefry, Karen DuBois-Walton, Elwood Exley, Jr., and Bonnie Burr.

Presenters: Present at the meeting was Legal Director Jessa Mirtle.

**II. Approval of Minutes – January 13, 2021**

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes for January 13, 2021.

**III. By-Laws Update**

Chair Benham and Jessa Mirtle, Legal Director discussed some updates to the by-laws. Discussion regarding possible Equity Committee, and the importance of including conversations about equity in all Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) activities, not just in a single Committee. Additional revisions will be made. Questions arose regarding the role of the CSBE and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC) to oversee pre-school. Committee members agreed to hear full presentation on the jurisdiction of OEC compared to the CSBE related to pre-schools.

**IV. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 8:58 am.

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