

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**The Legislation and Policy Development Committee**

Wednesday, March 3, 2021, 9:00 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 April 7, 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 March 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.

Also present at the meeting was Legal Director Jessa Mirtle and Andrea Brinnel, Education Consultant.

**II. Approval of Minutes – February 3, 2021**

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes for February 3, 2021.

**III. Presentation Re Preschool Oversight Roles**

Andrea Brinnel, Education Consultant, and Jessa Mirtle, Legal Director provided a presentation regarding the interplay of early childhood and pre-school oversight between the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE), the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the Office of Early Childhood (OEC). Discussion of need for ongoing updates and clarification on the jurisdiction of each entity. Agreement to provide the full Board additional content on the data and important topics around early childhood options for students in Connecticut.

**IV. Adjournment**

The Committee adjourned at 9:48 am.

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