

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee
Wednesday, September 1, 2021, 8:30 a.m.

Erin D. Benham, Chair
Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve, Bonnie E. Burr, Karen Dubois-Walton, Robert Trefry and Elwood
Exley, Jr.

Minutes
(Approved on November 3, 2021)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met in person on September 1, 2021.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Erin Benham called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Also present were Laura Stefon, Chief of Staff, Irene Parisi, Academic Office Bureau Chief, Keith Norton, Office of Strategic Planning Bureau Chief; Laura Anastasio, Attorney, Legal Affairs Office; John Khalil, Attorney, Legal Affairs Office and Eric Scoville, Communications Director.

Presenters: Laura Anastasio, Legal Affairs Office.

II. Approval of Minutes – April 7, 2021

The Committee unanimously voted to approve the minutes for April 7, 2021.

III. Racial Imbalance of Schools – Laura Anastasio

The committee will be taking a hard look at school plans and bring school districts to the committee to help them better address their issues. Schools will soon come before the committee next month.

IV. Presentation by Laura Anastasio

Laura Anastasio stated differences between racial imbalance and impending racial imbalance. Data is not collected on private schools, charter schools, magnet schools or technical high schools (unique schools). Those schools are all exempt from being racially balanced. Choice students are not included in the totals. Schools should take imbalance seriously, but there are no financial consequences if schools are racially imbalanced.

Committee members requested to have representatives from West Hartford Public Schools attend the October LPDC meeting.

V. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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