

Connecticut State Board Of Education Hartford

Minutes Special State Board of Education Meeting August 4, 2021 (Approved September 1, 2021)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on the agency's Web site, the members of State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, August 4, 2021, in Plaza North Meeting Room C and D of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut. Public access to the building allowed for public attendance to the meeting.

I. Call to Order

Acting Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker, in her capacity as Secretary to the Board, called the special meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Staff Assistant to the Board, Aldith Dewar, took an attendance roll call.

Present: Donald F. Harris, Jr., Chairperson Pro Tem
Erin D. Benham
Bonnie E. Burr
Erik M. Clemons*
Karen DuBois-Walton
Elwood Exley, Jr.
Awilda Reasco
Malia K. Sieve
Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio
Vallieres, Kelli-Marie. Ex Officio

Absent: Dr. Jane Gates, (designee for Terrence Cheng)
Estela López, Vice Chairperson
Martha Paluch Prou
Allan B. Taylor, Acting Chairperson

Election of Chairperson Pro Tem

Board Member Benham moved, Board Member Reasco seconded, that pursuant to Section 2 of Article II of its Bylaws, that Donald F. Harris, Jr. be elected the Chairperson Pro Tem to perform the Chairperson duties of the meeting.

II. Items Requiring Action

A. Biennial Organizational Meeting

1. Adoption of 2021-2023 Bylaws

Board Member DuBois-Walton moved, Board Member Sieve seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 3 of Article III of its Bylaws, approves the 2021-23 Bylaws of the Connecticut State Board of Education.

VOTE ON

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

Motion carried unanimously.

*[Board Member Clemons arrived at approximately 9:17 a.m.]

2. Election of Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Pro Tem Harris announced that Vice Chairperson López was stepping down as vice chairperson, but confirmed that she would remain as a member on the Board.

Board Member Sieve moved, Board Member Burr seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 2 of Article II of its Bylaws, elects Erin D. Benham as Vice Chairperson of the State Board of Education, for the period August 4, 2021, until the next biennial organizational meeting, at which an election for Vice Chairperson will be held.

VOTE ON

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

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Board Member DuBois-Walton moved, Board Member Benham seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent agenda items: III.A., Continuing Approval of Educator

Preparation Provider Relay Graduate School of Education; III.B., Stamford Charter School for Excellence; and III.C., Vote on Written Report – In the Matter of DB, Certification Action.

A. Continuing Approval of Educator Preparation Provider Relay Graduate School of Education

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-145d-9(g)(1)(A) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, grants full approval for the period August 4, 2021, through March 31, 2028, to the Relay Graduate School of Education (Relay/GSE) Master of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program, with Relay/GSE submitting annual progress reports to the Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and the CSDE continuing to monitor Relay/GSE progress using program data from the Connecticut Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) Data Dashboard, until Relay/GSE’s next Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) spring 2027 site visit, for the purpose of certifying graduates from CT Relay/GSE in the following certification areas:

Program	Grade Level	Program Level	Program Type
Elementary Education	1-6	Initial	Graduate
Secondary Education:			
English	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Mathematics	7-12	Initial	Graduate
General Science	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Biology	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Chemistry	7-12	Initial	Graduate
Physics	7-12	Initial	Graduate

and directs the Acting Commissioner to take the necessary action.

B. Stamford Charter School for Excellence

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-66ss of the Connecticut General Statutes, and subject to the Acting Commissioner’s August 4, 2021, memorandum to the Board, “Material Change to Stamford Charter School for Excellence,” approves the charter amendment proposal of Stamford Charter School for Excellence (SCSE) to add Grades 7-8 over the two-year period between 2021-22 and 2022-23 and to increase enrollment capacity to 504 in 2021-22 and 560 in 2022-23, and directs the Acting Commissioner to take the necessary action.

C. Vote on Written Report – In the Matter of DB, Certification Action

That pursuant to its authority under subsection (e) of Section 10-145d-613 of the Regulations for Connecticut State Agencies, the State Board of Education directs the Acting Commissioner to take the necessary action to file a written report In the Matter of DB, Certification Action, within the regulatory time period.

