

**Connecticut State Board of Education**  
**Hartford**

**State Board of Education Retreat**  
**June 17, 2022**

(Approved September 7, 2022)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on the agency's Web site, the members of the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") held a Retreat on Friday, June 17, 2022, at the Phoenix Manufacturing, Inc., 250 South Road, Enfield, Connecticut. Public access to the building allowed for public attendance at the meeting.

**I. Call to Order**

Chief Strategic Officer Keith Norton, Office of Strategic Planning and Partnerships, called the Retreat to order at 9:07 a.m.

Present:           Chairperson Karen DuBois-Walton  
                      Vice Chairperson Erin D. Benham  
                      Natalie Bandura, Student Member  
                      Bonnie E. Burr  
                      Erik M. Clemons  
                      Elwood Exley, Jr.  
                      Donald F. Harris, Jr.  
                      Martha Paluch Prou  
                      Awilda Reasco  
                      Malia K. Sieve  
                      Kelli-Marie Vallieres, Ex Officio

Absent:           Rishabh Bhandari. Student Member  
                      Allan B. Taylor  
                      Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio

Mr. Norton introduced and turned the Retreat over to Jonathon P. Costa, Sr., Assistant Executive Director of EdAdvance, who is facilitating the development of the Board's 5-Year Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Costa opened the Retreat with having each Board member provide a brief introductory background. He then provided an overview of the goals, objectives, and outcomes for the Retreat for the Strategic Planning Process Launch.

Mr. Costa provided a presentation and PowerPoint slides to the Board members and engaged them with activities for context building for planning the strategic goals. They looked at building an understanding of the conditions and factors that will frame the challenges of the next plan.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:20 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15 p.m.

Mr. Costa engaged the Board members with interactive activities to develop the Priorities.

- The Board focused on questions and strategies for Data Collection.
- Discussion of Next Steps for the Board and the process.

Mr. Norton thanked Mr. Costa for his presentation and leadership with the Board and adjourned the Retreat at 3:43 p.m.

Board Member Martha Paluch Prou, Vice President of Administration & Compliance at Phoenix Manufacturing, provided the attendees with a tour of the facilities.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary  
State Board of Education