

# Connecticut State Board Of Education Hartford

## State Board of Education Retreat November 14, 2022

(Approved December 7, 2022)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on the agency's website, the members of the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") held a Retreat on Monday, November 14, 2022, in 2 North Conference Room B of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut. Public access to the building allowed for public attendance at the meeting.

### I. Call to Order

Chairperson Karen DuBois-Walton, called the Retreat to order at 9:04 a.m.

Present: Chairperson Karen DuBois-Walton  
Vice Chairperson Erin D. Benham  
Bonnie E. Burr  
Erik M. Clemons\*  
Elwood Exley, Jr.  
Donald F. Harris, Jr.  
Valli Pendyala, Student Member  
Martha Paluch Prou  
Awilda Reasco  
Malia K. Sieve  
Allan B. Taylor  
Praja Tickoo, Student Member  
Vallieres, Kelli-Marie. Ex Officio

Absent: Dr. Rai Kathuria (designee for Terrence Cheng, Ex Officio)  
Patricia Keavney-Maruca, Ex Officio

Chief Strategic Planning Officer Keith Norton introduced Jonathan P. Costa, Sr., Assistant Executive Director of EdAdvance, who is facilitating the development of the Board's 5-Year Comprehensive Plan.

Mr. Costa discussed the context for the five-year plan based on near-term future expectations, constituent feedback, and SBE priorities and discussed the following topics:

- Investigate the benefits of Virtual Reality and Immersive Learning
- Thought Exchange – Data Summary
- Key Constituent Focus Group Findings
- Center for Public Research and Leadership – CPRL Research Brief
- Brainstorming Priority Strategic Actions

Board Member Erik Clemons arrived at approximately 9:23 a.m.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:23 p.m. and reconvened at 1:15p.m.

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Legal Director, Mike McKeon, introduced Executive Director Peter Lewandowski of the Office of State Ethics (OSE). Mr. Lewandowski presented an overview on the ethical code which applies to public officials and state employees.

Legal Director Mike McKeon provided an overview on the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Fiscal Administrative Supervisor Karen Gliha, Fiscal Office Services presented on travel policies and procedure requirements.

Vice Chair Erin Benham presented to the members on Boardsmanship on duties and responsibilities of a Board member.

The Commissioner thanked all the presenters and the Board members for their commitment of attending the retreat.

Chairperson Karen DuBois-Walton thanked everyone for their attendance and acknowledged all the presenters. She adjourned the meeting at 3:19 p.m.

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Secretary  
State Board of Education