

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

**Legislation and Policy Development Committee**  
Wednesday, May 3, 2023, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members**

Malia K. Sieve, Chair  
Karen DuBois-Walton, Donald F. Harris, Bonnie E. Burr,  
Martha Paluch Prou, Elwood Exley, Jr., and Valli Pendyala

**Minutes**  
**(Approved June 14, 2023)**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met in person on May 3, 2023.

**I. Call to Order**

As Committee Chair Malia K. Sieve was unable to attend the meeting, Board Chair and Committee Member Karen DuBois-Walton served as Acting Committee Chair and called the meeting to order at 9:02. In addition to Dr. DuBois-Walton, also present at the meeting were Committee Members Donald F. Harris, Bonnie Burr, Elwood Exley, Jr., and Valli Pendyala. In addition, Board Vice Chair, Erin Benham, was in attendance as were the following individuals from the CSDE: Shuana Tucker, Chief Talent Officer; Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer; Michael P. McKeon, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs; Sharon M.S. Fuller, Education Consultant, Talent Office; and Sonya Efiayayi, Administrative Assistant, Communications Office.

**Presenters:**

Shuana Tucker, Chief Talent Officer, CSDE  
Sharon M.S. Fuller, Education Consultant, Talent Office, CSDE

**II. Approval of Minutes**

Ms. Burr moved to approve the March 1, 2023, meeting minutes, and Mr. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**III. Review and Discussion: Draft Framework for Educator and Leader Evaluation and Support**

Dr. DuBois-Walton noted that due to unexpected circumstances, some of the agenda items had had to be moved to subsequent meetings of the Committee. She then turned the meeting over to Dr. Tucker and Ms. Fuller to present to the Committee the proposed Connecticut Guidelines and for Educator and Leader Evaluations and Support 2023 ["CT Guidelines 2023"]. Dr. Tucker introduced Kate Field, from the Connecticut Education Association, who is part of the Education Evaluation and Support ["EES"] Council, which had collaborated on the creation of the proposed guidelines. Dr. Tucker

additionally noted the presence of Board Vice-Chair Erin Benham, who is also a Council member. Ms. Fuller then began her detailed presentation on the proposed CT Guidelines 2023.

Ms. Fuller provided a brief background of the CT Guidelines 2023, including the flexibilities in the preexisting evaluation guidelines that were permitted pursuant to an Executive Order issued during the pandemic. The State Board of Education had recently voted to extend through the 2023-2024 school year while the proposed CT Guidelines 2023 were being developed, for which school districts were appreciative. Ms. Fuller also cited some of the research upon which the EES Council relied in arriving at these proposed guidelines.

Ms. Fuller noted that if approved by the Board, the CT Guidelines 2023 would be implemented beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, which would enable districts to prepare fully for their implementation, including training district staff. To that end, the CSDE was seeking to bring the CT Guidelines 2023 to the full Board at its June 2023 meeting. If they were approved by the Board, training would begin in late summer through the Regional Education Service Centers and the Connecticut Association of Schools, with such training to continue through the 2023-2024 school year. The guidelines would also be provided to Connecticut's approved, special-education programs.

Although the proposed CT Guidelines 2023 are in draft form, Ms. Fuller raised the possibility of posting them on the CSDE website. Dr. Dubois-Walton asked about the rationale for doing so, and Ms. Fuller explained that districts have been inquiring as to their status. There was some concern about agreeing to post the draft guidelines as the Committee members had not yet had the opportunity to review them in full. In the alternative, Ms. Fuller proposed posting the PowerPoint, incorporating Dr. Dubois-Walton's recommendation that any such posting include a clarifying paragraph explaining that the PowerPoint represented a work in progress that remained subject to final approval by the State Board of Education.

With that caveat, Dr. Dubois-Walton asked for a motion regarding the possible posting of the PowerPoint. Ms. Burr moved and Mr. Harris seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that Dr. Tucker and Ms. Fuller would return to the Committee's June 2023 meeting, at which time the Committee would further consider the proposed CT Guidelines 2023.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.