

Connecticut State Board Of Education Hartford

Minutes Special State Board of Education Meeting April 19, 2023 (Approved May 3, 2023)

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, April 19, 2023, in Plaza North, Hearing Room B of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut and via TEAMS. Public access to the building allowed for public attendance to the meeting and a live stream link allowed for viewing of the Board's proceedings: https://youtu.be/-IovYs_3OMc.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Karen DuBois-Walton called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

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

Present: Karen DuBois-Walton, Chairperson (in-person)
Erin D. Benham, Vice Chairperson (in-person)
Bonnie E. Burr (via Teams)
Elwood Exley, Jr. (in-person)
Donald F. Harris, Jr. (in-person)
Valli Pendyala, Student Member (via Teams)
Martha Prou (via Teams)
Malia K. Sieve (in-person)
Allan B. Taylor (via Teams)
Praja Tickoo, Student Member (via Teams)
Vallieres, Kelli-Marie, Ex Officio (via Teams)

Absent: Erik M. Clemons*
Dr. Rai Kathuria (designee for Terrence Cheng, Ex Officio)
Patricia M. Keavney-Maruca, Ex Officio
Awilda Reasco*

II. Executive Session

Chairperson DuBois-Walton requested a motion to go into Executive Session for the consideration agenda item, II.A., Personnel Matter (Discussion of Agenda Item III.A.)

On a motion moved by Board Member Harris, seconded by Vice Chair Benham, the Board voted unanimously to move into executive session at 2:37 p.m.

Present in the hybrid executive session were Chair Karen DuBois-Walton, Vice Chair Erin Benham, Board Members Bonnie Burr, Erik Clemons,* Elwood Exley, Donald Harris, Valli Pendyala, Martha Prou, Awilda Reasco,* Malia Sieve, Allan Taylor, Praja Tickoo, and Kelli-Marie Vallieres. Also present for all of executive session were Commissioner Charlene Russell-Tucker, Legal Director Mike McKeon, the candidate Sinthia Sone-Moyano, and Staff Assistant Aldith Dewar.

[Board Member Erik Clemons joined the executive session via Teams at approximately 2:45 p.m.]

[Board Member Awilda Reasco joined the executive session via Teams at approximately 2:58 p.m.]

On a motion by Board Member Sieve, seconded by Board Member Harris, the Board voted unanimously to move out of executive session and reconvene in public session at 3:19 p.m.

Present: Karen DuBois-Walton, Chairperson (in-person)
Erin D. Benham, Vice Chairperson (in-person)
Bonnie E. Burr (via Teams)
Elwood Exley, Jr. (in-person)
Donald F. Harris, Jr. (in-person)
Valli Pendyala, Student Member (via Teams)
Martha Prou (via Teams)
Awilda Reasco (via Teams)

Malia K. Sieve (in-person)
Allan B. Taylor (via Teams)
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Vallieres, Kelli-Marie. Ex Officio (via Teams)

Absent: Erik M. Clemons (via Teams)*
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Chair DuBois-Walton announced for the record of the minutes that Board Members Clemons and Reasco had joined during executive session.

Board Member Clemons* was not able to return to the public meeting once the executive session ended.

III. Personnel Appointment: Deputy Commissioner of Educational Supports and Wellness

Chair DuBois-Walton requested a motion for agenda item III.A.

Vice Chair Benham moved, Board Member Harris seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-3a and Section 4-8 of the Connecticut General Statutes and its Bylaws, adopts the Commissioner's recommendation, and hereby appoints Sinthia Sone-Moyano as Deputy Commissioner of Educational Supports and Wellness for the Connecticut State Department of Education, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

Chair DuBois-Walton invited Ms. Sone-Moyano to join the Board at the table, and asked Commissioner Russell-Tucker to introduce her recommendation of Ms. Sone-Moyano.

Ms. Sone-Moyano provided a synopsis of her education and work history experience.

Chair DuBois-Walton noted that the Board had had the opportunity to review the scope of duties for the position of Deputy Commissioner of Educational Supports and Wellness, as well as interview of Ms. Sone-Moyano. She then requested a roll call vote.

VOTE ON

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Board members congratulated Ms. Sone-Moyano on her position as Deputy Commissioner of Support and Wellness and welcomed her to the Department of Education.

Vice Chairperson Benham moved, Board Member Harris seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

Chair DuBois-Walton adjourned the meeting at 3:26 p.m.

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