

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

Academic Standards and Assessment Committee

Thursday, September 19, 2024

450 Columbus Blvd

Plaza North, Hearing Room J

Hartford, Connecticut

Draft Minutes

(Approved on: _____)

I. Call to Order

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, Committee Chairperson Erik M. Clemons called the meeting to order at 9:51 a.m.

Committee

Members Present:

Erik M. Clemons

Erin D. Benham

Allan B. Taylor

Committee

Members Absent:

Dr. Juan C. Salazar

Staff Present:

Irene Parisi

Deputy Commissioner Charles Hewes

Dr. Maribel Olivero

Leslie Navarrete

II. Approval of Minutes

Erin D. Benham, moved, and Allan B. Taylor, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the **October 17, 2023**, Academic Standards and Assessment Committee meeting.

Vote:

In Favor: Clemons, Benham, and Taylor

Abstained: 0

Opposed: 0

Absent: Salazar

Erick M. Clemons moved, and Erin D. Benham, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the **December 12, 2023**, Academic Standards and Assessment Committee meeting.

Vote:

In Favor: Clemons, Benham, and Taylor
Abstained: 0
Opposed: 0
Absent: Salazar

III. Model Curricula Update: Update on the Development of World Language Standards

Chairperson Erik M. Clemons went on to recognize the meeting's agenda item and yielded the floor to Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE and Dr. Maribel Olivero, Director of Equity and Languages, CSDE.

Ms. Parisi provided an overview of the work to date on the development of the World Language Standards (the Standards). She noted that a total of 7 new model curricula have been developed, finalized, and approved by the State Board of Education thus far, and the Standards were last updated in 2005 and legislation requires an update of the Standards. Ms. Parisi introduced Dr. Maribel Olivero, Director of Equity and Languages, CSDE to provide an update on the Standards.

Dr. Maribel Olivero informed the Committee that she initiated the development of the Standards by reaching out to the Connecticut Council of Language Teachers (CT-COLT) and ACTFL. She went on to share some highlights of the development timeline for the draft of the Standards.

Highlights included: the creation of a World Language Standards Revision Team with an in-person kick off, which then met remotely twice per month from August 2023 to April 2024 and drafted guiding principles and used guided questions to assist in the development of the Standards; and the creation of the World Language Standards Stakeholder Review Team with an in-person kick off, which then met weekly remotely and included world language higher education institutions. The World Language Standards Stakeholder Review Team brought forth more of the cultural aspects of language, geared towards proficiency and student engagement, which differs from the 2005 World Language Standards that focuses primarily on grammar. Dr. Olivero stressed the importance of teaching world language at an early age and how the draft Standards align with that work as well.

Dr. Olivero went on to discuss next steps. Next steps included: providing an opportunity for public comment on the Standards where CSDE will hear from educators across the state, further internal review after the public comment, working closely with the Commissioner of Education and Deputy Commission to prepare the Standards to be voted on by the Board to seek the Board's approval on the Standards, developing supplemental resources for the Standards, providing professional learning on the Standards, and convening a Curricula Design Team.

The Committee thanked the CSDE team for the update. Chairperson Erik Clemons opened the floor to questions and comments.

IV. 2024-25 Planning Meeting

Chairperson Erik M. Clemons moved to the next agenda item and opened the meeting to Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE. Mrs. Parisi outlined the final 2024-25 Academic Standard and Assessment meeting schedule. She noted that the work is driving the Committee meetings for the 2024-25 year. Some of the work that will be presented to the Committee in the 2024-25 year includes the Technical Education Standards, tentatively scheduled for November or December's Committee meeting; and an update on Digital Citizenship Curriculum, for the December 2024 Committee meeting and January 2025 Committee meeting.

Chairperson Erik Clemons opened the floor to questions and comments.

Committee member Allan B. Taylor informed the Committee that his appointment expires in March 2025 and will retire from the Board.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Prepared by: Leslie Navarrete