

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Finance, Audit and Budget Committee Meeting**

**Tuesday, June 3, 2025
10:00 a.m.- 11:00 a.m.
450 Columbus Boulevard
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
First Floor Plaza North – Meeting Room A**

Approved
(approved on 8/26/2025)

Member Present: Ms. Bonnie Burr
Via TEAMS: Mr. Donald Harris, Jr., Chair
Mr. Roger Persson, Chief of Fiscal and Administrative Services
Ms. Jessica Brunetti, Chief of Fiscal and Administrative Services

Others Present: Erin Benham, BOE Chair
Monique Coates, Director for Office of Internal Audits
Kerrian Denham, Administrative Assistant, Office of Internal Audits

Member Absent: Dr. Juan Salazar

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m. by Donald Harris.

I. Approval of Minutes – June 3, 2025

A motion was made by Bonnie Burr, seconded by Donald Harris. However, the minutes for 2/2/25 were not adopted at this time and were tabled for a future meeting.

II. Office of Internal of Internal Audit (OIA) – Status of Current Activity

Monique Coates shared news of newly hired staff and the temporary employee. Additionally, updates were provided on the complete and ongoing projects over the last three months. Upcoming projects were also discussed.

Action Item: Monique to share with the Committee preliminary recommendations for HPS based on analysis thus far.

III. Financial Matters (Mr. Roger Persson and Jessica Brunetti)

Fiscal hired a new fiscal administrative manager to oversee grants accountants, budgeting, and state financial reporting. The department continues is also pursuing resubmittals and any additional ARP ESSER liquidation extensions on behalf of districts. Budget was released on June 2, 2025, and there were several new earmarks. There were some areas identified that may be of financial concern, but we were still unpacking all the details and impacts. Additionally, special education funding is provided at \$30M which is well shy of what is needed at \$190M.

At 10:45am, a motion was made by Bonnie Burr to adjourn the Finance, Audit and Department Matters Committee meeting and seconded by Donald Harris. The meeting unanimously adjourned.

Recorded by Kerrian Denham, Administrative Assistant - Office of Internal Audit