

CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee

Wednesday, November 5, 2025 -- 1:00 p.m.
State Office Building, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee [LPDC] met in person on November 5, 2025.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bonnie E. Burr called the meeting to order at 1:02. In addition to Ms. Burr, also present at the meeting were Committee Members Kristen A. Record, Paula S. Gilberto, and Gladys B. Labas, as well as State Board Vice Chair Erin Benham and the student members of the State Board, Samarth Basanth and Hansika Lenkala. Joining the Board members from the CSDE were: Sinthia Sone-Moyano, Deputy Commissioner; Dr. Kaylan Ricciardi, Ed.D., Unit Coordinator/Education Consultant; Julianne Frost, Education Consultant/Compliance Coordinator; Lauren Tafrate, Associate Education Consultant; Karen Colebut, Education Staff Assistant/CEPCB Administrator; and Michael P. McKeon, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs. Also present was Jen Rodriguez, Chair, Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board.

II. Approval of Minutes

Ms. Gilberto moved, and Dr. Labas seconded, approval of the October 8, 2025, meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Presentation

Ms. Rodriguez presented on various proposals that the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board [“CEPCB”], discussing at the outset the adoption of a Transcript-Experience Pathway. Ms. Rodriguez noted that this is currently part of a regulation that is scheduled to sunset, but that the CEPCB would like it to be codified in statute. Ms. Gilberto moved, and Ms. Record seconded, that the LPDC refer this proposal with a positive recommendation to the full State Board of Education for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez then discussed the proposed adoption of Revised Birth-Grade 3 Endorsement Regulations, which the CEPCB had previously raised with the LPDC at the Committee’s October 8, 2025, meeting. Since that October 8 LPDC meeting, the CEPCB had revised the proposed regulation to address teachers holding special education endorsements who might wish to avail themselves of this new endorsement. Ms. Record inquired as to what constituted an “integrated” classroom, which is referenced in the proposed regulation. This led to a more extensive discussion about the number of students with disabilities that would implicate the need for teachers with special education endorsements in Pre-K classrooms as well as other pertinent certification requirements. Dr. Labas confirmed with Ms. Rodriguez that if adopted, this would be effectuated in 2028. Ms. Gilberto then moved, and Dr. Labas seconded, that the LPDC refer this proposal with

a positive recommendation to the full State Board of Education for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez then presented on the CEPCB's proposal to adopt a revised draft of the Connecticut Code of Professional Responsibility for Educators. After a brief discussion, Ms. Record moved, and Ms. Gilberto seconded, that the LPDC refer this proposal with a positive recommendation to the full State Board of Education for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez discussed the CEPCB's proposed amendment of Public Act 24-41, Section 6 [which is currently codified at Conn. Gen. Stat. §10-145bb]. It would transfer to the CEPCB what is currently the CSBE's right to waive initial educator certification requirements and, in conjunction therewith, revise the recusal clause for members of the CEPCB. Ms. Rodriguez stated that this would start in 2026. Attorney McKeon asked what the representatives of the CSDE's Certification Bureau felt about this. Noting that the State Board typically addresses "bigger-picture" issues, they spoke in favor of the proposal. Following further discussion about the process that this would entail, Dr. Labas moved, and Ms. Gilberto seconded, that the LPDC refer this proposal with a positive recommendation to the full State Board of Education for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez then raised with the LPDC the list of regulations that the CEPCB had disseminated pursuant to 10-154 and that the CEPCB recommended be repealed. Ms. Gilberto thanked Ms. Rodriguez for the work the CEPCB had done, and Ms. Rodriguez in turn thanked Ms. Colebut for her work. Ms. Record then moved, and Dr. Labas seconded, that the LPDC refer this proposal with a positive recommendation to the full State Board of Education for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez concluded her presentation by discussing in detail regulations that the CEPCB was proposing be reinstated with specific revisions that the CEPCB had also proposed. After a brief discussion, Ms. Record moved, and Ms. Gilberto seconded, that the LPDC refer this proposal with a positive recommendation to the full State Board of Education for its consideration. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez having concluded her presentation on behalf of the CEPCB and there being no further business, Ms. Record moved, and Dr. Labas seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 1:45.