

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 -- 1:00 p.m.
State Office Building, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Connecticut

Minutes

(Approved on April 1, 2026)

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 March 4, 2026.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Bonnie E. Burr called the meeting to order at 1:05. In addition to Ms. Burr, also present at the meeting were Committee Members Kristen A. Record, Seth D. Zimmerman, Gladys Labas, and Paula S. Gilberto. Joining the Board members from the CSDE were: Karen Colebut, Education Staff Assistant/CEPCB Administrator; and Michael McKeon, Director of Legal and Governmental Affairs. Also present was Jen Rodriguez, Chair, Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board [“CEPCB”].

Ms. Burr called the meeting to order at 1:05.

After some discussion, and at Attorney McKeon’s suggestion, the Committee tabled the approval of the February 11, 2026, meeting minutes until the Committee’s April 1, 2026, meeting in order to provide more time to review them.

Ms. Rodriguez then began her presentation regarding the CEPCB’s proposed revision to Section 10-145d-615 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Ms. Rodriguez had previously discussed the proposed amendment during the Committee’s February 11, 2026, meeting, at which times Committee members had suggested certain changes to the proposed amendment. Consequently, the CEPCB’s revisions were tabled so that Ms. Rodriguez could bring them back to the CEPCB for its approval. Ms. Rodriguez reported that the CEPCB had agreed to the Committee’s suggested recommendations. Consequently, Ms. Gilberto moved, and Dr. Zimmerman seconded, that the Committee refer the CEPCB’s proposal to the full Board with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez then discussed the CEPCB’s legislative proposal regarding Section 10-145b of the Connecticut General Statutes – as well as its corresponding regulation, Section 10-145d-417 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies – seeking to amend the pathways to the professional educator certificate. Following review and discussion, Ms. Record moved, and Ms. Gilberto seconded, that the Committee refer the CEPCB’s proposal to the full Board with a favorable recommendation. The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Rodriguez noted that this would be the CEPCB’s last proposed statutory amendment, adding that future CEPCB proposals would be addressing the implementing regulations. Ms. Rodriguez also thanked Attorney McKeon for his assistance with respect to facilitating her opportunities to present the CEPCB’s proposals to the Committee.

There being no further matters before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 1:14.