

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

Monday, June 9, 2025, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
450 Columbus Blvd.
Plaza North Conference Room C and D
Meeting Recording

MINUTES

Call to Order: 1:02 p.m.

Attendance:

Attendees (in person): Jennifer Rodriguez, Kristen Basiaga, Elsa Batista, Tiffany Caouette, Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons, Dr. Rebecca Good, Jenny Graves, Margaret Gustafson, Shannon Marimon, Patrice McCarthy, Sinthia Sone-Moyano

Attendees (virtual): Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Jennifer Delaney, Dr. Anne Dichele, Dr. Katherine Roe, Bob Sartoris

Guests: Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Malik McKinley, Lauren Tafrate, Ryan Caldwell, Dr. Paige Bray, Tong Koh, Scheherazade Salimi, Dr. Kaylan Ricciardi, Julianne Frost

Absentees: None

Review and Approval of Minutes (May 12, 2025): Approved without edits.

Announcements:

Administrator Hiring Process Update

- An administrator has been hired full-time and will be at the next meeting.

Legislative Update

- Jennifer Rodriguez shared that the proposed legislation this board and the State Board approved and transmitted to the CGA did not make it through legislative session and died in the House.

Presentations/Q&A:

Performance Office: Bridges Pilot Data for this year (Prior to November & November 1st to Present)

- Ajit Gopalakrishnan presented data on the CSDE Praxis Bridge program and understanding the Standard Error of Measurement.
- Kristen Basiaga moved to include this presentation in the Certification Board's Report due to the General Assembly and State Board of Education for the July 1, 2025, deadline.
 - Rebecca Good second.
 - Vote: All in favor, motion passed.

CAEP: Sec.12(a)4 - MOU Discussion - Lauren Tafrate or Sinthia Sone-Moyano & CAEP representative

- Sinthia Sone-Moyano and Lauren Tafrate shared the new MOU and the current MOU with the board to give an update.

SDE: 12(a)2 - Steps/Protocols for the alignment of EPP with revised endorsement codes - SDE Representative

- Tabled to August meeting by chair. No objections.

Updates from Ad Hoc Committees

- Public Act Sec.12(a)(3): Standards and Proposals for Regulations and Legislation – *CPRL & ECE*
 - Dr. Paige Bray explained and discussed the document provided by the ECE Council and CPRL pertaining to regulations that will be sunseting.
 - Margaret Gustafson moved to use this document to fulfill part of the requirements for the July 1 report.
 - Rebecca Good second.
 - Vote: All in favor, motion passed.
- Public Act Sec. 13(a)(3): Review and Reporting on Educator Preparation and Certification
 - Kristen Basiaga gave an update on the progress the ad hoc committee has made. The Ad Hoc has had trouble getting enough feedback on their proposals. Both Kristen Basiaga and Rebecca Good came prepared to the meeting with proposals pertaining to the work of this Ad Hoc that they'd like the full Board to review and discuss.
 - Chair Rodriguez dissolved the Ad Hoc 13(a) Committee, effective June 9, 2025.
 - Kristen Basiaga moved to remove from the table a Superintendent Waiver Proposal- previously tabled by the Board
 - Shannon Marimon second.
 - Vote: All in favor, motion passed.
 - Kristen Basiaga proposes to amend the proposal to include 1 Standard Error of Measurement (SEM) as opposed to 3 SEM to create a pathway for more candidates to achieve proper certification.
 - Rebecca Good presented multiple-waiver option proposals that would fulfill the sections of this statute as well.
 - The Board members asked questions and discussed both proposals.
 - Rebecca Good moved to table the discussion on these proposals to the next meeting.
 - Kristen Basiaga second.
 - Vote: All in favor, motion passed.
- Public Act Sec.13(b):
 - Jen Rodriguez & CPRL presented a memo fulfilling the requirements of this statutory obligation.
 - Kristen Basiaga moved to include this document, in addition to an added note for each section to explain how it satisfies the statute in the report for July 1.
 - Jenny Graves second.
 - Vote: All in favor, motion passed.
- Vision Setting Group
 - Rebecca Good discussed the vision and mission of the Vision Setting Group
 - Jen Rodriguez and Rebecca Good met after the meeting for scheduling purposes.

Items Requiring Action:

- Schedule Special Meeting to finalize report and approve report to CBOE (July 1 deadline)

- Elsa Batista moved to change the July meeting to June 23 at 1pm in the same location as usual.
 - Rebecca Good second.
 - Vote: All in favor, motion passed.

Next Steps: Timeline of Tasks

- 2026 deadlines and Ad Hoc assignments
 - The chair went over the upcoming deadline for 2026.

Public Participation: There were not any public participants.

Adjournment: 4:01 p.m.