

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

Monday, June 23rd, 2025-1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

450 Columbus Blvd.

Plaza North Conference Room C and D

Meeting Recording

MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order: 1:28 p.m.

Attendance:

Attendees: (In person): Jennifer Rodriguez, Margaret Gustafson, Jenny Graves, Shannon Marimon, Cynthia Ritchie, Katherine Roe, Sinthia Sone-Moyano

Attendees: (Virtual): Kristen Basiaga, Elsa Batista, Tiffany Caouette, Rebecca Good, Jennifer Delaney, Jennifer Graves, Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons, Patrice McCarthy

Guests: Dr. Paige Bray, Lauren Tafrate, Dr. Kaylan Ricciardi, Julianne Frost, Tong Koh, Scheherazade Salimi, Tong Koh

Absentees: Anne Dichele, Bob Sartoris

II. Review and Approval of Minutes (June 9, 2025), Regular Meeting: Approved without edits

Dr. Cynthia Richie made a motion to approve the minutes.

Shannon Marimon seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous

Motion carried – minutes approved.

III. Announcements:

A. Administrator Introduction of Karen Colebut to the Board by Chloe Cummings

B. Legislative Update - Chair Rodriguez informed the board that there were no new updates. The legislative session had ended and board members were previously informed that there was not any language that directly affected the Board.

IV. SDE: 12(a)2- Steps/Protocol for the Alignment of EPP with Revised Endorsement Codes- SDE Representative

- A.** SDE: 12(a) 2- Steps/Protocol for the alignment of EPP with revised endorsement codes- SDE Representative potential changes and ramifications for aspiring educators. Changes to the body of the requirements for certification must be built out and a timeline established. Discussion ensued for regulations that will be sunset in 2026 for each certification and review what the board will be keeping or changing. Chair Rodriguez informed the board that she will be meeting with the new Administrator on a weekly basis to prepare the regulations and have them categorized by themes so that the board can review them. The regulations will be organized in binders for the Board to start working on in August.

V. Updates from Ad Hoc Committees - None

- A.** Public Act. Sec. 12(a) 3 Standards and Proposals for Regulations and Legislation - Chair Rodriguez informed the Board that the language that they want to put forward will be the work that the board has completed this far. Assessments for minimum content knowledge was approved on February 12th; April 21st the Board approved ETS bridges in all of its future versions as the next step and would continue to work on future waivers. The report due on July 1st to the SBE will have this content.
- B.** Vision Setting Ad Hoc – Rebecca Good – Chair of Ad Hoc committee informed the Board of what the subcommittee will have a proposed vision completed by December 2025 prior to information to be supplied to the General Assembly. There was an abundance of enthusiasm from Board members to participate with the Ad Hoc Committee.

VI. Items Requiring Action

- A.** Review and approval of Report to CSBE for P.A. No 24-41 (July 1, 2025)

Section 12(a) – Chair Jen Rodriguez

1. Initial note to review regulations.
2. The board's review of the adequacy and relevance of existing certification and endorsement areas. The ECD Draft regulation was approved for combination of the 112 and 113 Birth to Third Grade.
3. The MOU may not meet the board's needs.
4. This should be at the board's priorities in addition to the two statutory obligations.

The board should design its approach in keeping with best practices followed by other states and a state-specific approach. Continuing work may require amending.

5. No action taken by the board on a temporary 90-day certification issued under 10-145 (b). The board is not required to take additional action per the language of the statute currently in place.
6. The design and development of statewide data dashboard that enables longitudinal monitoring of educative work force data. The board voted to move the report from the Performance Office forward with any additional information that was provided to the board.

Section 13(b) – Chair Jen Rodriguez

Many of the parts are actually reflected in other sections of the act and were already addressed there. The board will undertake a review of the certification endorsement areas for the purpose of developing standards regarding the adequacy and relevance of such endorsement areas and consider whether the grade range should be expanded.

Explore alternative pathways for educators to receive cross endorsements and consider whether to transition or transfer authority over any administrative (undecipherable).

Chair Rodriguez called for a motion to accept the report for 12(a) and 13(b).

Patrice McCarthy moved to accept the report for 12(a) and 13(b).

Dr, Rebecca Good and Margaret Gustafson seconded the motion.

Vote:

For: All

Against: None

Abstentions: None

Unanimous – Motion carried

Chair Rodriguez – the board decide in the affirmative with respect to subject area assessments and to bridges in all its future forms. The board is laying out the two proposals that were discussed at the last meeting. There was ample discussion around the presentations given by Dr. Rebecca Good and Kristen Basiaga. The board had questions regarding Kristen's proposal.

Kristen Basiaga provided changes she made to her proposal that reduced the range of SEMs from 3 to 1.

Dr, Rebecca Good noted the difference between the two waiver options as waiver option two is similar to Kristen Basiaga's with the exception of the two additional observations. Dr. Goods'

option provides the EPPs with a waiver option.

Discussion ensued.

Chair Jen Rodriguez - closed the debate and called for the board to decide via a vote on Option 1 Waiver proposal – Kristen Basiaga or Option 2 Waiver proposal – Dr. Rebecca Good.

Vote:

Option 1: 5

Option 2: 7

None:

Abstentions: none

Chair Jen Rodriguez – the board is moving forward with Dr. Rebecca Good’s proposed waiver and review what the board will refine or change.

Discussion Ensued

Chair Jen Rodriguez - motioned to remove waiver option 1 for the reasons provided by Kristen Basiaga and Dr. Katherine Roe.

The motion was seconded by Kristen Basiaga

Discussion Ensued

Vote:

In favor: 6

Keeping it: 7

Abstentions: None

Chair Jen Rodriguez requested Dr. Rebecca Good to go through the waiver proposal line by line. All candidates must take the minimum content knowledge exams pursuant to Section 10-145 of the CT Gen Stats.

Group 1 Candidates who pass the applicable minimum content knowledge exams will be deemed to have fulfilled the minimum content knowledge requirement.

Group 2 Candidates who do not pass one or more minimum content knowledge exams but come within a certain standard error of measurement of passing as defined by ETS will be eligible for the Praxis II Bridge or eligible bridge options for non-Praxis II exams completion of which fulfills the minimum content requirement.

Chair Jen Rodriguez posed a question to members of CPRL who were in attendance at the meeting virtually. She asked if CPRL had any suggestions on incorporating all of the assessments to be reflected in Group 2?

CPRL Representative Koh Tong ETS will determine the SEM over time and the language is fine.

Chair Jen Rodriguez – One standard error of measurement as provided by the test provider. Candidates who do not pass one or more content knowledge exams but come within a defined standard error of measurement passing by the standards of the test provider will be eligible for Praxis II Bridge or eligible bridge options for non-Praxis II exams – completion of which fulfills the minimum content knowledge requirements.

Chair Jen Rodriguez – Group 3 Pilot Option – Candidates who do not pass one or more minimum content knowledge exams and who are not eligible for the Praxis II Bridge but have otherwise completed all EPP requirements can select between the following two options:

Discussion Ensued

Chair Jen Rodriguez – Candidates who do not pass one or more minimum content exams and do not have a bridge option but have otherwise completed CT EPP requirements assumed beyond minimum content knowledge and select between the following two EPP waivers. Chair Jen Rodriguez

In the interest of time the board will table the discussion until the August meeting. The board has decided on a waiver option and will continue to work through the language of the waiver. The language has not been finalized yet. There is not a content-specific major. Perhaps there will be a meeting with SDE and Dr. Good.

Sinthia Sone-Moyano reminded the board of what brought it to the place it is in now – the regulations. Those outside of Connecticut have a totally different route than those graduating from our own EPPs – we made it easier.

Chair Jen Rodriguez – the discussion will be tabled and continue at the August meeting.

Next Steps – for the current statutory deadline the board has completed the baseline.

Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm

