

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
CONNECTICUT EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

Monday, August 11th, 2025-1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order: 1:01 p.m.

Attendance:

Attendees: (All Virtual): Jennifer Rodriguez, Kristen Basiaga, Elsa Batista, Tiffany Caouette, Jennifer Delaney, Rebecca Good, Margaret Gustafson, Patrice McCarthy, Cynthia Ritchie, Jenny Graves, Sinthia Sone-Moyano, Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons

Guests: Lauren Tafrate, Julianne Frost, Tong Koh, Scheherazade Salimi, Sandy Mangan, Jath DiCecco, Joie Liew,

Absentees: Katherine Roe, Shannon Marimon

II. Review and Approval of Minutes (July 7, 2025) Special Meeting – Approved without edits.

III. Announcements:

- A. Legislative Development and Policy Committee – Karen Colebut – The CEPCB has requested to be included on the Legislation & Policy Development Committee’s September meeting agenda to discuss the waiver proposal.
- B. Regulatory/ Legislative – Jen Rodriguez informed the board there were no new updates.
- C. Board Process – Chair Jen Rodriguez discussed the process that the board utilizes for mandated implementation of updated policy and regulations.

IV. Presentations/ Q&A:

- A. Timeline for Regulations, Annual Report, & Statutory Obligations – Chair Rodriguez articulated the tasks that the board is charged with by PA 24-41.

V. Updates

- A. CACTPS (CT Advisory Council for Teacher Professional Standards) Ms. Mangan currently serves as Chair of the Council on behalf of the CEA and works on a subcommittee. The subcommittee updated the language in the document prior to 7/1/2026

sunsetting date. An updated version with visible edits will be submitted by the committee to the board for review.

B. Vision Setting Group Rebecca Good –

Dr. Good presented the CPRL Vision Proposal that the Vision Ad Hoc Committee voted to forward to the board to update. CPRL member Scheherazade Salimi supported the update by answering questions about the data that was the basis of CPRL's research and methodology. The board engaged in an in-person thought exchange (after low participation in the virtual version) on the educator of today and tomorrow with focus on four roles of an educator: Facilitator, Problem Solver, Collaborator, and Leader. Dr. Good outlined priority tasks and requested feedback. Chair Jen Rodriguez added that she would collaborate with Dr. Good to draft a survey to garner members' input on priority areas for the Visioning Ad Hoc Committee.

VI. Discussion

- Timeline for Regulations & Statutory Obligations –Chair Jen Rodriguez informed the board that an Ad Hoc Committee will be established to focus exclusively on the regulations. Two categories for the Ad Hoc Committee will be the regulations that require urgent attention and regulations that are of a lesser degree of urgency.
- The board engaged in a high-level review of repealed regulations and regulations scheduled to sunset in 2026 with guidance provided by SDE talent members, Julianne Frost and Lauren Tafrate. (This paragraph to be deleted?)
- Chair Jen Rodriguez concluded the review of repealed / sunsetting regulations by stating the in-person thought exchange notes will be passed along to the Ad Hoc committee that will be established and tasked with this assignment.
- Chair Jen Rodriguez reminded the board that it was continuing the work from the last meeting surrounding the proposed waiver language. Dr. Rebecca Good, of the waiver being discussed, stated that she could work on the document that was available then and generate an updated version at a later date. The Board Administrator will follow up with the former acting Administrator about the location of the original working document with the June edits.
- Meeting dates – 2026 was discussed by members. Chair Jen Rodriguez noted that two dates require adjustment:
 - April 13th, 2026, was cited as potentially falling on Spring Break for some schools and was recommended to be changed to April 20, 2026.
 - October 13th, 2026, was recommended to be changed to October 19th due to it falling on Indigenous People's Day when the agency will be closed.

The board voted unanimously by roll call to change both dates affirmative

Chair Jen Rodriguez stated that due to the approaching end of the meeting, this topic will be tabled until the next meeting.

Chair Jen Rodriguez called for a Motion to Adjourn the meeting.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to adjourn.

Jennifer Delaney seconded the motion.

Public Participation- no members of the public signed up to participate.

Adjournment – the meeting was adjourned 4:04p.m.