

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

Monday, October 27th, 2025, 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.
Microsoft Teams Event (Virtual)
Approved Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 3:32 p.m.

Attendance:

(All Virtual:) Chair Jen Rodriguez, Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Vice Chair, Kristen Basiaga, Jennifer Delaney Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons, Jenny Graves, Margaret Gustafson, Dr. Mel Horton, Shannon Marimon, Patrice McCarthy, Dr. Katherine Roe, Sinthia Sone-Moyano

(Absentees:) Hamish McPhail, Bob Sartoris, Jenny Graves

(Guests:) Julianne Frost (SDE), Kaylan Ricciardi (SDE) Athena McAlenney, Jia Lee, Joie Liew, Maddy Malicdem, Elizabeth Sked, Michael Bzdyra, Lisa Nouri, Jen Ruggiero, Ray Rossomando, Jennifer Leeper, Ravit Stein,

Meeting Minutes: Approval at next regular meeting (Oct. 20th, 2025 & Oct. 27th, 2025 minutes).

Public participation: None

Approval of the amended Agenda – Kristen Basiaga motioned to amend the agenda to add New Business and to change a line item to the Pathway Transcript Experience.

Dr. Mel Horton seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous.

The motion carried by general consensus.

Action Items:

Jen Rodriguez – The board previously approved all of the language (except the language highlighted in purple) on the document. Regarding combining the 112 and 113 certification which would allow educators to maintain their 112s and 113s and/or move into whatever the new certification becomes without creating barriers for the educators that currently possess a 112 and a 113. This work aligns with the board’s statutory of aligning, modernizing and streamlining.

Discussion Ensued

Jennifer Delaney motioned to accept the language as written and mov it to the LPDC.

Margaret Gustafson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Jen Rodriguez

Dr. Cynthia Ritchie

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Dr. Mel Horton

The motion carried by general consensus.

- Kristen Basiaga presented an update on the Regulations Ad Hoc Committee’s review of regulations completed at its last meeting:
 - Birth to Third Grade – Chair Jen Rodriguez informed the board that the birth to Third Grade Language has been approved at the previous meeting.

Margaret Gustafson made a motion to accept the language as written and move forward to the LPDC.

Dr. Mel Hortons seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor: Unanimous

Opposed: None

Abstentions: None

The motion carried.

Kristen Basiaga began her Transcript Experience Pathway presentation:

Legislative Transcript Experience – PA 24-41 repealed the pathway for certification by Transcript Experience. This proposal reflects the board’s recommendation to reinstate the Transcript Experience Pathway as this regulation provides a flexible pathway for educators who:

- Have at least 20 months of successful teaching experience.
- International candidates
- Educators who taught exclusively at colleges or private /independent schools.

This proposal would reinstate the Transcript Experience Pathway. This will permit hundreds of applicants in pursuit of their initial certification annually.

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Kriten Basiaga motioned to move the draft legislation forward to the LPDC.
Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Jen Rodriguez
Dr. Cynthia Ritchie
Kristen Basiaga
Elsa Batista
Tiffany Caouette
Jennifer Delaney
Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons
Margaret Gustafson
Shannon Marimon
Patrice McCarthy
Dr. Kathrine Roe
Sinthia Sone-Moyano
Dr. Mel Horton

The motion carried by general consensus.

Recommended to Allow to Sunset (PA 24-41 Identified these regulations for sunset.)

- CEPCB's recommendations on regulations that should be allowed to sunset were discussed and accepted by the board.

Vote:

In favor:

Jen Rodriguez
Dr. Cynthia Ritchie
Kristen Basiaga
Elsa Batista
Tiffany Caouette
Jennifer Delaney
Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons
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Shannon Marimon
Patrice McCarthy
Dr. Kathrine Roe
Sinthia Sone-Moyano
Dr. Mel Horton

The motion carried.

Regulations Recommended to Repeal

- Regulations in this section pertain to provisional certificate requirements which are no longer offered in Connecticut; they are now obsolete as are Certificates of Eligibility.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to recommend repealing all regulations pertaining to provisional educator certificate requirements. DSAPs are being updated to current language.

Kristen Basiaga amended her motion to motion to recommend the repeal of the regulations that pertain to provisional educator certificates.

Margaret Gustafson seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor:

Jen Rodriguez
Dr. Cynthia Ritchie
Kristen Basiaga
Elsa Batista
Tiffany Caouette
Jennifer Delaney
Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons
Margaret Gustafson
Shannon Marimon
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Jen Rodriguez – the reviewed regulations will be moved forward to LPDC and SBE.

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- Draft Regulations for Review
 - Kristen Basiaga continued with the high-level review of regulations that were discussed /reviewed by the Regulations Ad Hoc Committee.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to table the remaining agenda items to the next meeting.
Dr. Mel Horton seconded the motion.

Vote:

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried by general consensus.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to move Sections 10-145d-401 and 10-145d-410 (Part II) forward to reinstate with updates.

Vote:

In favor:

Jen Rodriguez
Kristen Basiaga
Elsa Batista
Tiffny Caouette
Jen Delaney
Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons
Margaret Gustafson
Patrice McCarthy
Dr. Katherine Roe
Dr. Mel Horton

Opposed: Dr. Cynthia Ritchie

Abstentions: None

The motion carried.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to table the remainder of the draft regulations to the November meeting.

Tiffany Caouette seconded the motion.

Vote:

New Business- Margaret Gustafson motioned to move the November 10th, 2025 board meeting to November 17th, 2025.

Jn Delaney seconded the motion.

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Tiffany Caouette

Jennifer Delaney

Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons

Margaret GustafsonPatrice McCarthy

Dr. Mel Horton

Opposed:

Dr. Katherine Roe

Abstentions: None

The motion carried – the November board meeting date was changed from November 10th, 2025 to November 17th, 2025.

Jennifer Delaney motioned to change the November 17th, 2025 board meeting configuration from in person to virtual.

Vote: In favor: Unanimous

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

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