

**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
**EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD**

Monday, December 8th, 2025, 1:00p.m. - 4:00p.m.

2 South Conference Room H  
Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 1:03 p.m.

**Attendance:**

Attendees: Jennifer Rodriguez, Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Kristen Basiaga, Megan Geary, Tiffany Caouette, Jennifer Delaney, Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons, Jenny Graves, Margaret Gustafson, Dr. Mel Horton, Hamish McPhail, Patrice McCarthy, Dr. Katherine Roe, Shannon Marimon, Synthia Sone-Moyano

Absentees: Elsa Batista, Bob Sartoris

Guests: Shuana Tucker, Athena McAlenney, Jade Gopie, Julianne Frost Christopher Trombly, Kaylan Ricciardi, Lauren Tafrate, Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Malik McKinley, Tong Koh, Scheherazade Salimi, Christopher Trombly, Adam Goldberg, Melissa Gunter, Courtney Gunter, Sarah Clark, Ann Traynor

**Approval of Minutes** (November 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025) Approved as written. \*Shannon Marimon requested an edit to the November 17<sup>th</sup> draft meeting minutes after they were approved to reflect her name had been inadvertently omitted from the list of board members in attendance.

**Public Participation:** Christopher Trombly -Southern CT State University  
Adam Goldberg - Southern CT State University  
Melissa Gunter – AMTEC  
Courtney Warner – CT Council of Leaders of Mathematics (CCLM)

**Announcements:**

- **Administrator Announcements** – Karen Colebut reminded board members to submit items prior to 10 days in advance of the meeting for consideration to be included on the agenda.
- **Board Business** - Jen Rodriguez

Chair Jen Rodriguez adjusted the order of items on the agenda so as to facilitate the presenters' prior commitments.

**Presentations:**

- Praxis Bridge Update on Rollout & First Year of Data.

Ajit Gopala Krishnan Chief Performance Officer, SDE presented a comprehensive with Malik McKinley.

Key takeaways:

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- Praxis Bridge provides educator candidates an alternate passing option when they come within= one standard error of measurement (but have not reached a passing score) they may complete a learning module and assessment.
- Outreach to EPPS have been provided with a webinar Additional Bridge assessments have rolled out.
- Working to ensure those who qualify for a Bridge utilize it.
- Request for a non-duplicative data set submitted.

### **Updates**

Visioning Ad Hoc Committee – Shannon Marimon

Board member Shannon Marimon provided a brief update to the board regarding the status of the Visioning Ad Hoc Committee. As the board's work continues there are opportunities to modernize in parallel to the board's current work.

SBE Legislation and Policy Development Committee (LPDC) – Jen Rodriguez

Jen Rodriguez provided a brief overview regarding the status of CEPCB proposed regulations and proposed legislative language reviewed by the committee. The November and December regulations and legislative proposals will move forward to the SBE's January agenda.

### **Projects**

- Program approval – CPRL Team - CPRL Team members Tong Koh and Scheherazade Salimi gave a brief overview on the draft Program Approval Work Plan recently crafted for the Program Approvals Working Group, earlier in the board's working session.
- Birth to Grade Three Standards/Guidelines Update– Board Member and SDE staff member Margaret Gustafson provided an overview regarding the Early Childhood (ECE) Working Group's organization and ongoing work. Ms. Gustafson indicated that the group met Wednesday and will schedule additional meetings during January, 2026.
- Ethics Presentation – Sarah Clark, Director, Education & Communication Office of State Ethics.

Ms. Clark presented a comprehensive tutorial tailored to public officials surrounding the primary tenets that govern ethical guard rails for individuals serving as public officials such as the CEPCB.

### **Action Items:**

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Approval of Annual Report – Jen Rodriguez

CEPCB Chair motioned to accept the Annual Report as written.

Dr. Katherine Roe seconded the motion.

Shannon Marimon motioned to amend the Annual Report on her organization's title.

Hamish McPhail seconded the motion.

Jen Rodriguez restated the motion as amended.

Dr. Roe seconded the motion,

**Vote:**

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

Approval of Regulations – Kirsten Basiaga

Board member Kristen Basiaga provided a comprehensive overview of regulations discussed and evaluated by the Regulations Ad Hoc Committee at its last meeting on November 21, 2025.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to move Regulations Batch # 5 forward to the Legislation Policy & Development Committee: §145d-405 be reinstated; section §145d-417 be accepted conditionally; §145d- 417 be accepted conditionally; 145d-417 (2)c be edited to read “ Or otherwise defined”; and to omit 145d-596, 601 and 606 be omitted.

Dr. Katherine Roe seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

Ms. Basiaga updated the board on the Initial to Professional Pathway regulations that the board discussed and voted to move forward in November.

Dr. Katherine Roe seconded the motion.

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Dr. Katherine Roe motioned to remove micro credentialing as it has been presented and postpone discussion following 7/1/2026.

Jen Rodriguez motioned to amend Dr. Roe's motion to in order to acquire additional information.

***Discussion Ensued***

Jen Rodriguez withdrew her motion.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to amend the previous motion and table the discussion until January 2026 (not July 1, 2026); and omit the reference to micro credentialing.

Patrice McCarthy seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

Approval of a Vision of an Educator - CPRL

CPRL presented a brief overview of their previously submitted presentation for the Visioning Ad Hoc Committee, Finalize Vision of An Educator

Jen Rodriguez motioned to accept the slide deck (slides 1-18 exclusively) created by CPRL, "Finalize Vision of An Educator".

Deputy Commissioner Synthia Sone-Moyano seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

Approval of Legislative Language: Extending Time for Sunsetting Regulations (ETSR)

Kristen Basiaga motioned to move the ETSR forward.

Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

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Due to time constraints, Chair Jen Rodriguez stated that all remaining legislative language (Agenda items VIII.D. 1-4 and New Business will be added to the January meeting agenda. The January meeting agenda will not include presentations to facilitate the board's focus on completing action items. Deputy Commissioner Sinthia Sone-Moyano recommended Dr. Ritchie and Kristen Basiaga meet with Dr. Shuana Tucker (SDE) to discuss items that may be beneficial as proposed in the action items and new business on the January agenda.

Adjournment: Meeting Adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

Chair Jen Rodriguez and Vice Chair Dr. Ritchie wished the board well and a Happy New Year.