

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

Wednesday, January 28th, 2026, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Event (Virtual)

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: 3:46 p.m.

Attendance:

Attendees: *(All Virtual)* Jennifer Rodriguez, Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Kristen Basiaga, Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons, Jenny Graves, Margaret Gustafson, Dr. Mel Horton, Hamish McPhail, Patrice McCarthy, Dr. Katherine Roe, Shannon Marimon, Bob Sartoris, Kristen St. Germain, Dorothea Anagnostopoulos

Absentees: Sinthia Sone-Moyano, Jennifer Delaney

Guests: *(All Virtual)* Julianne Frost (SDE), Lauren Tafrate (SDE), Scheherazade Salimi, Kayleigh Hoagland, James Brown, Lisa Nori, Trevor Baisden, Christopher Trombly

Approval of Minutes – (January 12, 2026 & January 28th, 2026) Postponed until February 9, 2026 meeting.

Public Participation: All documents submitted through the CEPCB email inbox will be distributed to board members for meetings configured as virtual.

Action Items – Presentation provided by Kristen Basiaga

Legislative Language Proposals: – Initial certification via Alternate Routes – Proposed amendments reviewed and discussed by the board.

Discussion Ensued

Kristen Basiaga motioned to conditionally approve the initial certification via the alternate route. Dr. Katherine Roe seconded the motion.

Vote: Unanimous
The motion carried.

Removing Praxis Core - The board discussed the removal of the Praxis Core exam from all EPPs as it is no longer required.

Follow up conversations will be followed up with SDE Legislative Liaison.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to table the Initial to Professional Pathway to the February 9th, 2026 meeting.

Dr. Katherine Roe seconded the motion.

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Vote:

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

- Approval of Regulations Language Proposals - Interim Educator Certificate Professional
- Educator certificate – semester hours of graduate credit changes discussed.

Kristen Basiaga motioned to move Batch 8 forward to the Legislation Policy and Development Committee.

Sarah Lahr Fitzsimons seconded the motion.

Vote:

In Favor: Unanimous

The motion carried.

Adjournment: 4:44