

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

Friday, February 20th, 2026, 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.

Microsoft Teams Event (Virtual)

Approved Special Meeting Minutes

**Call to Order:** 3:45 p.m.

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

Absentees: Sinthia Sone-Moyano

Guests: (All Virtual) Dr. Shuana Tucker, Lauren Tafrate, Kaylan Ricciardi, Julianne Frost, Tong Hui Koh, Maddy Malicdem, James Brown, Kayleigh, Elizabeth Sked, Lisa Nouri

**Approval of Minutes:** (2.9.2026) & 2.20.2026) to be approved at April 20, 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:**

10-145d-412(a)(B)(4) – Proposed language changes from time described as 36 clock hours to 3 semester hours of credit for all initial educator certificates and “children with a disability” to “children with disabilities”.

10-145d-421(b)(3) Language changed to reflect the lack of need for a bachelor’s degree.

10-145d-412(b)(1) language proposes to remove “or upon the request of the assessment team reviewing such person’s performance provided that the Commissioner may not grant such extension more than three times to any person.”

10-145d-424 (c) Language changes from holds an expired to hold a valid certificate.

10-145d-427 Language change form serve as to serve under

10-145d-615 Extension of time to complete certification requirements – tabled at LPDC.

***Discussion Ensued***

Jen Delaney motioned to move the amended regulations to the March State Board of Education meeting.

Hamish McPhail seconded the motion.

**Vote:**

In favor: Unanimous

The motion carried

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**New Business** – Legislative Session Bills related to preparation and certification.

HB 105 – To eliminate various occupational and professional license, permit certification and registration fees.

Governor’s Bill 5034 – Mathematics Specialist – Lines 47-49 . Guidelines to be created by CEPCB.

SB 2517 – Not related to the CEPCB.

HB 5216 -Concerning paid stipends for student teachers. The CECB supports this bill

SB 221 – An Act Concerning Aspiring Educators Scholarship program. – The board supports this bill.

Chair Jen Rodriguez proposed the board submit written testimony to the CGA Education Committee on the bills reviewed and supported by the board. Board members can sign up to submit written testimony and engage in public participation at the Education Committee’s Public Hearing on Monday, February 23, 2026.

***Discussion Ensued***

**Adjournment** The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.