



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Increasing Educator Diversity Policy Oversight Council Meeting

Thursday, June 11, 2026

9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

PRESENT: Faith Sweeney, Hamish MacPhail, Jade Gopie, Patrice McCarthy, Nancy Sudhoff, Shuana Tucker, Victoria Malvey, Madeline Negron, Louis Bronk, Werner Oyandel, Ryan Donlon, Rebecca Good, Sal Escobales

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- Jade Gopie called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. The agenda was reviewed and accepted without objection.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- The minutes of the April 9, 2026, meeting were approved as presented.

Motion by: Patrice McCarthy

Seconded by: Hamish MacPhail

Vote: Motion carried unanimously.

3. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- **Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board (CEPCB) Update:** Hamish MacPhail provided an update on the work of the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board.
- **Talent Office Update:** Jade Gopie provided updates on the following:
 - Aspiring Educators Scholarships awarded
 - Educators Rising Signing Day and Teacher Registered Apprentice Graduation
 - Educators Rising Blueprint for Brilliance Conference – Leadership Conference for Students and Teacher Leaders – May 20, 2026
 - Paraeducator Preparation Academy:
 - Effort to fill over 1,000 vacant paraeducator positions in coordination with the Office of Special Education
 - 2026 Legislative Session Updates

6. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- The Council will meet virtually on the following dates, 9:00 am – 10:00 am:
 - October 8, 2026
 - January 14, 2027
 - April 8, 2027
 - June 10, 2027

7. ADJOURNMENT

- There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:45 a.m.