

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Hartford, Connecticut

**Miguel A. Cardona, Commissioner of Education v. Christopher Cevetillo,
Certificate Holder**

Case No. R-CRT – 19-6

Notice of Rescheduled Hearing

Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 4-177(b), the Connecticut State Board of Education (State Board) provides this Notice of Hearing:

(1) Time, Place, and Nature of the Hearing.

October 30, 2020, 10:00 a.m. Hearing to be conducted remotely through Falzarano Court Reporters, LLC.

The purpose of the hearing is to consider the January 3, 2020 Administrative Complaint of the Commissioner of Education requesting the State Board of Education to take action pursuant to C.G.S. 10-145b (i)(1) that the State Board of Education deems just and proper with respect to the professional educator certificate of the Certificate Holder. The hearing will be held before Steven Rolnick, Impartial Hearing Board, who will render a proposed decision.

(2) Legal Authority and Jurisdiction Under Which the Hearing is to be Held.

The State Board has jurisdiction over educator certificates pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-144o *et seq.* The legal authority for revocation of educator certificates and conducting a hearing are contained in C.G.S. Section 10-145b and/or Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies (R.C.S.A.) Section 10-145d-612.

(3) Reference to the Particular Sections of the Statutes and Regulations Involved.

This matter involves C.G.S. Section 10-145b (2019) including, in particular, subsection (i)(1) which authorizes the State Board to take one or more of the following actions in accordance with section (i)(2) against a person holding a certificate: “(A) Revoke the holder’s certificate . . . (B) suspend the holder’s certificate . . . or (C) place the holder’s

certificate on probation, subject to conditions determined by the Commissioner of Education.” Procedures for the hearing are detailed in R.C.S.A. Section 10-145d-612. This request for action by the State Board of Education is based in part on standards set forth in R.C.S.A. Sections 10-145d-400a, Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers.

The hearing will be conducted pursuant to the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act, C.G.S. Sections 4-166 *et seq.* and the State Board’s Rules of Practice, R.C.S.A Sections 10-4-11 *et seq.*

(4) Short and Plain Statement of the Matters Asserted.

The Commissioner alleges that the Certificate Holder was employed as a teacher in four school districts between September 1, 2001 and June 30, 2018. The Commissioner alleges that while employed at three of these school districts the Certificate Holder engaged in a pattern of unprofessional conduct and communications with students. The Certificate Holder’s unprofessional conduct and communications resulted in personnel action being taken by these three school districts against the Certificate Holder. The Commissioner further alleges that the Certificate Holder’s conduct violated one or more provisions of the Code of Professional Responsibility for Teachers and constitute “due and sufficient cause” within the meaning of C.G.S. Section 10-145b(i)(2)(E) for action against his certificate. The factual and legal basis for the requested revocation is set forth in more detail in the Administrative Complaint served on the Certificate Holder.