

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mastery Examination Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 24, 2016

2:30-4:30 p.m.

Present: Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education, Chairperson
Mary Anne Butler, Connecticut State Department of Education
Dr. Joseph Cirusuolo, CAPSS
Patti Fusco, AFT-CT
Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Connecticut State Department of Education
Cathy Hill, CAS
Kathleen Kennedy, CT PTA
Abe Krisst, Connecticut State Department of Education
Patrice McCarthy, CABE
Don Romoser, CT PTA
Jeffrey Villar, CCER
Don E. Williams Jr., CEA
Stephen Wright, Connecticut State Board of Education
Kathy Greider, CAPSS
Dr. Stephen Hegedus, SCSU
Dr. Karissa Niehoff, CAS-CIAC
Ed Leavy, AFT-CT
Arthur Poole, Higher Education

Absent: Marcia Ferreira, CEA
Richard Murry, Killingly, CABE
Jim Accomando, CT PTA
Allan Taylor, Connecticut State Board of Education, Chair

I. Call to Order

Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell, Chairperson called the meeting to order at 2:40 p.m.

II. Approval of the Minutes from February 8, 2016, Meeting and Other Business

Minutes from the February 8, 2016, Mastery Examination Committee meeting were approved. There will be a replacement for committee member Marcia Ferreira for future meetings. The Interim Report for the Mastery Examination Committee was filed on time.

III. Discussion with Members of the CSDE Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Ajit Gopalakrishnan introduced the members of the TAC. Two members were present at the meeting: Dr. H Swaminathan and Dr. Jane Rogers from the University of Connecticut, and Joe Ryan from Arizona State University joined in via telephone.
 - The TAC members presented on Building a Large Scale Educational Assessment System.
 - Dr. Rogers delivered a presentation on the steps of building an assessment system. These include:
 - The Purposes and Intended Uses of the Statewide Assessment, Test Content Development, Item Development, Pilot/Field testing, Item Analysis/Model Selection/Test Assembly, Test Administration/Post Test Administration analysis, Achievement Level Setting, Scaling/Score Reporting, and Validity/Reliability

Evidence.

- Dr. Swaminathan delivered a presentation on Psychometric Frameworks. These include:
 - The Steps of Theoretical Framework for Tests, Framework for Test Development, Indices Used in Traditional Test Construction, Classical Item Indices, and Item Response Theory Framework.
- Commissioner Wentzell suggested at 4:30 p.m. that the presentation continue during a future meeting.

IV. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2016, 1-3:00 p.m.

V. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

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