

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Remote Learning Commission Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Present: Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner of Education, Chairperson
Dr. Karen DuBois-Walton, Connecticut State Board of Education
Dr. Charles Dumais, RESC Alliance
Katharine Gabrielson, ConnCASE
Michelle Levy, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood (OEC)
Frances Rabinowitz, Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents (CAPSS)
Dr. Evelyn Robles-Rivas, Connecticut Association of Latino Administrators and Superintendents (CALAS)
Lon Seidman, Connecticut Association of Boards of Education (CABE)
Rose Anne O'Brien Vojtek, Assistant Executive Director (CAS)
Ed Klonoski, Charter Oak State College
Doug Casey, Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology
Amy Wiltsie, State Education Resource Center of Connecticut (SERC)
Kate Dias, Connecticut Education Association (CEA)
Lauren A. Mancini-Averitt, American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut (AFT)

Absent: Tim Larson, Connecticut Office of Higher Education (OHE)

Facilitator: Ingrid Canady, Executive Director, SERC

Staff: Desi Nesmith, Deputy Commissioner, CSDE
Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer, CSDE
Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE

I. Opening Remarks & Introduction

Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner, CSDE, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. Ingrid Canady, Executive Director for SERC, welcomed attendees and reviewed the group norms and meeting's objectives as the facilitator of the Commission.

II. Roll Call

Commission Clerk called attendance.

III. Acceptance of Minutes and Follow-up from Last Meeting Discussion

Members approved the November 22, 2021, meeting minutes.

IV. Introductions to New Members (if needed)

No new members were present.

V. Commission Discussion of What Has Been Learned to Date

Ingrid M. Canady, Executive Director, SERC, gave an overview of the different local and national contexts presented in previous Commission meetings. She then asked the

Commission about their takeaways, recommendations to consider, and items to evaluate as a Commission. Commission members shared their perspectives. Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner, CSDE, reviewed the Commission's purpose and tasks. She also shared that the Commission will be provided with a draft of the Commissioner's Standards for Remote Learning for their review and feedback. Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE, shared information on the development of the Commissioner's Remote Learning Standards.

VI. Work Group Breakout for the Development of Commission Tasks

Ingrid M. Canady, Executive Director, SERC, introduced the meeting's two workgroups: Research and Design and Focus Group Development as well as the topics of conversation. Commission members then participated in breakout workgroups to share new learning and synthesized conversation to develop an outline for next steps.

VII. Future Meetings/Calendar

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 25, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

VIII. Closing/Meeting Adjourned

Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Chief Performance Officer, CSDE, and Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE, gave brief overviews of workgroup discussions. Charlene M. Russell-Tucker, Commissioner, CSDE, adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.