



**STATE OF CONNECTICUT**  
*STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION*



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, May 27, 2020**

**\*\*\*\*\* 12:30 p.m. to 1:15 p. m. \*\*\*\*\***

Conference Call

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Tom Cosker, Jen Lussier, Meg Walsh, Sean Cronin, Jolie Medina and Bryan Klimkiewicz.

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order by Tom Cosker at 12:36 pm.

**II. Public Comment: N/A**

**III. Council Matters:**

Bryan and Tom start the meeting by discussing documents being submitted to Commissioner for his review pertaining to COVID matters for roundtable topics. They also talk evaluations and the stopping of the process shortly, both aware that they are important and cannot be held off on long. The SDE is currently reviewing past practices and looking at new ways to assess and evaluate in the future. Tom will follow up on this work with Bryan in July.

Jen worked efficiently on progress reporting and is receiving questions regarding ESY transportation. Wants to ensure SPED students are being considered and adds that there will be cases where individual decisions will have to be made because not all will fall under the guidance put out by the SDE.

Meg talks future priority work on utilizing school teachers appropriately when school reopens. Also talks about her district's current practice and mentions that the vendor has provided assistance at no cost.

Bryan talks about SAC roles and how to approach as far as guidance related documents. SDE looking into new ways and this is a good time for the Council's voice to be heard and provide input on testing and evaluations. In addition, he talks transition and IDEA aging out requirements, possible district extensions on aging out and council has decided to table further conversation until 6/3/20 executive meeting.

IV. **Summary/Action Items:**

Jolie and Bryan to follow up on membership appointment letters.

Jolie to follow up with SERC on 5/13/20 meeting materials.

V. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned by Tom Cosker at 1:19 pm.