



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



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**\*\*\*\*\* 3:30 p.m. to 4:15 p. m. \*\*\*\*\***  
Teams Meeting

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Tammy Raccio (Chair), Tom Cosker (Past Chair), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Jolie Medina (SDE non-voting) and Bryan Klimkiewicz (SDE non-voting).

**Members Absent:** Sean Cronin (SDE non-voting) and Susan Lemke

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 3:30 pm. by Tammy Raccio

**II. Public Comment:**

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.  
Call-In Number: 866-880-0098  
Participant Code: 89689633

**III. Council Matters:**

Bryan talks to the group about the annual report and the differences between last years and this year's report. In continuation, he talks tone and recommendations while offering suggestions but also reminding the SAC that he is not requesting changes but suggesting more of an alignment with past reports. Nachi agrees with Bryan's suggestions and edits. Tom is okay with the changes and comments that the tone was not intentional because tone was not a focus when preparing report. The group focused on reflecting the points and issues versus leaning towards a more passive report so that issues are not "missed and lost". Bryan thanks them for their responses and Tammy asks to be able to add or change wording to be able to leave issues in report. Bryan clarifies that is more of the way the report is written and the message that will be delivered. Jen talks about PPTs and why the Executive Committee wrote in the manner in which they did and goes on to provide a few reasons as to why. Bryan and Jen speak in more detail and Nachi's states his view on PPTs. Bryan adds that the report to be more specific as to what the SAC is requesting from the CSDE.

**IV. Summary/Action Items:**

Tammy, Jolie and Bryan to work on annual report edits and agenda for January 13 meeting.

Jolie will send out a reminder email to full SAC with Zoom and meeting details.

Jolie will send annual report to full Council prior to meeting for review and discussion at meeting/

V. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 4:47