



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



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Executive Committee**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2021**

**\*\*\*\*\* 12:15 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. \*\*\*\*\***  
Teams Meeting

**MINUTES**

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

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

**I. Call to Order:**

Meeting called to order at 12:18 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:**

Tammy and Bryan discuss legislative matters and he updates the group on what legislative has been doing and how they plan to move forward.

Tammy asks that the Executive Committee continue being advised on legislative matters so that the full SAC I aware of bills that we are looking at and/ or responding to. Tammy wants to be able to support their needs.

Nachi and Tom talk about several issues that involve funding that they would like to keep an eye on. Bryan responds and talks funding matters and recovery that the SAC is supporting.

Sue joins meeting and talks and talked about the importance of ensuring that general education students are not inappropriately referred to special education due to the lack of interventions during the pandemic. Also, that we have to be very cognizant of how we might utilize the cares money to respond to regression experienced as a result of the pandemic. Bryan responds. Note: Sue leaves meeting at 12:45 pm.

The full group briefly summarizes the discussion of legislative matters.

Tammy asks for a Membership Committee updates and Jolie responds letting the group know there will be a meeting on February 17 to review parent/membership vacancies.

IV. **Summary/Action Items:**

Bryan to send Tammy requested information she asked for.

V. **Adjourn:**

Meeting adjourned at 1:03 pm.