



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Executive Committee

Wednesday, July 12, 2023

******* 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. *******

Microsoft Teams Meeting

<https://youtube.com/live/ExecutiveCommittee071223>

MINUTES

Members Present: Susan Yankee (Chair), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Catherine Summ (Membership Chair), Jeffry Spahr (Legislative Chair), Sean Cronin (non-voting), Jolie Medina (non-voting) and Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting)

Members Absent: N/A

I. Call to Order:

Meeting called to order at 10:30 am. by Susan Yankee

Public Comment: N/A

SAC meetings are public meetings and members of the public may participate.

Call-In Number: 866-880-0098

Participant Code: 89689633

II. Consent Agenda:

- a. Approve June 7 Executive Meeting Draft Minutes.

Nachi B. makes motion to approve, Catherine S, seconds and Jeffry Spahr abstains. All in favor of approval.

III. Committee Matters

- a. July 19 Summer Orientation and May 24 Rescheduled Full Council Meeting

i. Agenda(s) Planning

- Susan Y. asks for the plan. Bryan K. responds about the SDE/SAC facilitating.
- Susan would like less group activities.

- Jennifer L. commented on last year's retreat and the effectiveness of the facilitation activity.
- Bryan K. acknowledges the suggestions and clarifies what to add to the agenda.
- Nachi B. thinks the group discussion works but the timing needs to be considered. Group does not cover all of agenda.

Bryan K. asks Jolie M. about the rescheduled meeting time. The committee starts talking logistics of the agenda.

- Discussion on agenda items, consideration of timing, group breaks and facilitation, in-person versus virtual, and a quorum.
- Jolie provides an update on expected attendance.

b. New Members Orientation/Training on August 23

- Jennifer L. responds to Susan Y. and provides updates on the plan.

c. Membership Matters

- Catherine S. provides updates on current vacancies and talks membership for 2023-24.
- Susan Y. will ask Bryan K. for update when he joins meeting.

d. Legislative Matters

i. Legislative Process Overview for July 19 Orientation

ii. Passed Special Education Legislation Update

Jeffrey Spahr discussed several bills and asks Bryan K. about an overview for the SAC Orientation. Susan Y. suggest having overview during the rescheduled full SAC meeting due to membership attendance. Waiting for an update on House Bill #1200 and also discussed House Bill 683.

Action Items:

Bryan K. and Sean C. will draft agendas for July 19 orientation and rescheduled meeting.

Jolie Medina will finalize and send the full SAC a reminder email with meeting access link and necessary details.

Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned at 11:19 am. Nachi B. makes motion and Jennifer L. seconds. All in favor.