



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



**Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education**

**Full SAC Virtual Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 29, 2023**

**\*\*\*\*\* 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. \*\*\*\*\***

**Zoom Virtual Meeting: Member Participation**

**YouTube Live Stream: Public Participant Viewing**

<https://youtube.com/live/CouncilMeeting112923>

(Conference Call Information included below)

**Minutes**

**Members Present:** Susan Yankee (Chair), Bryan Klimkiewicz (SDE non-voting), Sean Cronin (SDE non-voting), Jennifer Lussier (Vice Chair), Nachi Bhatt, Tom Cosker, Nancy DeCrescenzo, Kim Williamson, Joshua Martin, Jon Metcalf, Catherine Summ (Membership Chair), Jolie Medina (non-voting), Cassandra Reilly, Jeffry Spahr (Legislative Chair), Brian K. Smith, Tammy Raccio, Amy Messinger, Allison Kopie, Tylar Young and Missy Wrigley

**Members Absent:** Mia Dianoto, Mary Beth Bruder, Lori Fortuna, Tommy Mellilo, Jane Hampton Smith, Dimpy Malvania, Denise Drummond, John King, Michael Scanlon and Jake Shumbo

**I. Call to Order and Welcome (9:00 a.m.)**

Susan Y. calls meeting to order at 9:04 am.

**II. Introductions/Roles**

Susan Y. asks members to introduce themselves and a brief description of their role.

**III. Public Comment (9:10 a.m.) N/A**

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- Call-In Number: 1-866-880-0098
- Participant Passcode: 89689633

**IV. Consent Agenda**

- a. October 25, 2023, Full Council Minutes

Susan Y. asks for a motion. Missy W. makes a motion and Goviana M. seconds. Allison K. abstains due to absence. All in favor of approval.

Director Martin change.. “of students”. Lisa Nee was a online guest.

Jenn Lussier. Rises to the service to surface. Susan Y. mention of grants..... asst tech and supports and their need to have their phone with them in school not in a locked pouch. Grants – competitive how used for social emotional for the pouches. Goviana specific language access.

## Old Business

### I. Executive Committee Report (9:15 a.m.)

#### a. Legislative Breakfast

Tom C. asks Rep. Comey how to plan and connect to invite members of the relevant legislative committees to the breakfast scheduled for January 17 at the Legislative Office Building (LOB) from 9 to 10 am., followed full Council meeting. Rep. Comey responds that she will have to plan an approach.

Jolie M. to schedule call and reserve space at the LOB for Council meeting snow date of January 24

#### i. Outreach to Legislators

Tom C. suggests interested members get together to discuss logistics.

#### b. Annual Report

Susan Y. gives a brief summary and status on the report.

### II. Membership Committee Report (9:30 a.m.)

Catherine S. provides update on Executive Committee meeting with student candidate, goes on to introduce student and paraeducator member candidate who are in attendance to full Council.

#### a. Student Member

Jennifer L. makes motion and Missy W. seconds. All in favor of appointment.

#### b. Paraeducator Member

Jonathan M. makes motion and Nachi B. seconds. All in favor of appointment.

### III. Legislative Committee Report (9:40 a.m.)

Director Bryan K. provides an update.

#### a. Update on recently passed legislation related to special education.

## New Business

### IV. SAC Priority Activity/Summary (10:00 a.m.)

### V. Round Table (10:15 a.m.) - **Not applicable due to time.**

#### a. Agency/Parent Updates

### VI. Adjourn (10:30 am.)

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 am.

Missy W. makes motion all in favor.

**State Advisory Council Meeting Dates/Locations:**

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
1.	September 13, 2023	9:00-10:30 pm	Virtual Meeting
2.	October 25, 2023	9:00-1:00 pm	In-Person Meeting Location: TBD
3.	November 29, 2023	9:00-10:30 pm	Virtual Meeting
4.	January 17, 2024	9:00-1:00 pm	In-Person Meeting Location: TBD
	January 24, 2024		Snow Date
5.	February 28, 2024	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
6.	March 27, 2024	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
7.	April 24, 2024	9:00-1:00 pm	In-Person Meeting Location: TBD
8.	May 22, 2024	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting (Tentative)