



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education
Executive Committee

Date: December 17, 2025
Time: 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Virtual Zoom Meeting:

<https://ctserc.zoom.us/j/98666304056?pwd=sR8iHdaZhQ07VSzTzOv3ijDUtFKo2s.1>

Meeting ID: 986 6630 4056

Passcode: 484491

Meeting Minutes

SAC Members Present: Susan Yankee, Catherine Summ, Jeffry Spahr, Missy Wrigley, Brandalyn Williams, Nachi Bhatt, Jennifer Lussier, Bryan Klimkiewicz (CSDE), Sean Cronin (CSDE)

SAC Members Absent:

SERC Administration: Christine Kuehlewind, Lauren Johns

I. Call to Order: (9:34 a.m.)

II. Public Comment: (9:30 a.m.) No one for public comment
Dial in: 860-632-1485 (x 371)

III. Consent Agenda: (9:35 a.m.)

a. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes from October 8, 2025 and November 12, 2025

Motion to approve meeting minutes from October 8, 2025 with corrections: Catherine Summ puts into motion, Nachi Bhatt seconds, all vote unanimous in favor for approval.

Motion to approve meeting minutes from November 12, 2025 with corrections: Jeff Spahr puts into motion, Catherine Summ seconds, all vote unanimous in favor for approval.

IV. Committee Matters: (9:40 a.m.)

a. Old Business

i. Update LOB Meetings

Breakfast meeting confirmed through 1:00 p.m.; request pending to extend until 2:00 p.m. If extension is not approved, meeting will end at 1:00 p.m. to avoid relocating.

ii. Housekeeping

April meeting will be at Goodwin University. SERC needs to finalize with
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Contract. LOB was ruled out due to legislative session timing.

Scheduling Conflict – January 14 Full SAC Meeting:

Conflict identified with State Board of Education meeting. Discussion included conflict with other disability-related events that day. Consensus: Full SAC meeting rescheduled from January 14 to January 28.

Vote: Motion to move SAC Full Council Meeting from January 14th to January 28th, Nachi Bhatt puts into motion, Jennifer Lussier seconds, unanimous vote in favor of the motion.

Missy Wrigley (Chair) reported attending the Transforming Children's Behavioral Health Policy and Planning Committee (TCB) meeting. Key focus: advancing systemic change in children's behavioral and mental health. Reports (studies, annual report, behavioral health plan) will be shared with the committee. Mental health remains a priority area for SAC alignment and collaboration.

b. New Business (9:50 a.m.)

- i. Set Agenda for Full Council Meeting-** Agenda item tabled for January SAC Executive Committee meeting

c. Annual Report (10:00 a.m.)

i. Review progress

Executive Committee worked to review, revise, and edit the final draft of the SAC Annual Report. A discussion pertaining to the creation of a one page flyer for the current SAC priorities and recommendations was discussed to disseminate to the legislators soon.

V. Membership Committee Report: Catherine Summ (10:45 a.m.)

- a. Updates:** Actively scheduling a meeting with a potential student member; updates expected in 2026.

VI. Legislative Committee Report: Jeffry Spahr (10:50 a.m.)

- a. Updates:** information was shared about the federal Educational Choice for Children's Act (ECCA), which creates tax credits to support scholarship-granting organizations. States may opt into the program in the future, potentially affecting school choice and funding flows to private or religious institutions. Further information will be shared with the council.

VII. Action Items (10:25 a.m.)

SAC Full Council in-person meeting for February and April- awaiting contracts (SERC)

VIII. Adjourn: 10:52 a.m. Motion to adjourn, Catherine Summ motions, Brandalyn Williams seconds, all vote unanimous in favor.