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Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Full SAC Virtual Meeting

Wednesday, November 20, 2024

***** 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. *****

Virtual Meeting

<https://youtube.com/live/Full SAC Council Meeting 11-20-24>

(Conference Call Information included below)

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Missy Wrigley, Susan Yankee, Jennifer Lussier, Jeffry Spahr, Nachi Bhatt, Catherine Summ, Allison Kope, Kimberly Williamson, Lori Fortuna, Tom Cosker, Rita Halkias, Denise Drummond, Lena Esposito, Brian Smith, Jolie Medina, Mia Giantonia, Michael Scanlon, Amy Messinger, Bryan Klimkiewicz, Joshua Martin, Rep. Robin Comey, Louis Tallarita

Members Absent: Ana Wittig, Brandalyn Willams, Cassandra Reilly, Dimpy Malvania, Goviana Morales, Jake Shumbo, Jonathan Metcalf, Mary Beth Bruder, Nancy Decrescenzo, Stacey Palker, Tylar Young, Sean Cronin

SERC Administration Christine Kuehlewind, Holli Ryan

I. Call to Order and Welcome (2:07 p.m.)

- i. Introductions/Roles
- ii. Public Comment (2:12 p.m.)- No public Comment

SAC meetings are public meetings; members of the public may participate by calling in:

Call In: 1-309-205-3325
Meeting ID: 95655723010#
Participant Code: *821394#

II. Consent Agenda (2:13 p.m.)

October 16, 2024, Full Council Minutes for Approval- Tom Cosker motions to approve, Lori Fortuna seconds, vote unanimous in favor for approval.

Old Business

III. Executive Committee Report (2:15 p.m.)

Legislative Breakfast- 11 am -12, LOB.

Annual Report- Final workgroup meeting on December 5 (11:00 am-12:00pm)

SPED Task Force- still working on recommendations on the report

VI. Membership Committee Report (2:20 p.m.)

Membership Applicant Recommendations:

Parent vacancies – 2 candidates to move forward for a vote

Brandalyn Williams- motion to vote to accept the application for Brandalyn Williams as a SAC member as a parent role, Jeffry Spahr puts into motion, Missy Wrigley seconds – all in favor, none opposed- vote unanimous in favor.

Stacey Palker- motion to vote to accept the application for Stacey Palker as a SAC member as a parent role, Susan Yankee puts into motion, Jennifer Lussier seconds – all in favor, none opposed- vote unanimous in favor.

Catherine Summ reaching out after meeting to let them know.

Also, SAC is currently looking for 3 student members to join the council. Susan Yankee asks Joshua Martin for advice to get students involved. Catherine Summ announced that all Governor appointments came through, everyone should have received their appointment letters.

VII. Legislative Committee Report (2:30 p.m.)

- Invitation to have council members join. Serve on committee- reach out to Jeffry Spahr.

New Business

VIII. BSE Update (2:35 p.m.)

- a. State Performance Plan/Annual Performance Report (Update)- Michael Tavernier presentation – CSDE State Performance Plan Annual Report: overview of data on graduation, drop out, statewide assessment for reading and math, suspension/expulsion, education environments, preschool environments, preschool outcomes, parent involvement, disproportionate representation, Child Find (Initial Evaluation Timeline), early childhood transition, secondary transition and post school outcomes, resolution sessions, mediation agreements, and state systematic improvement plans.
- b. **Special Education Legislative Summit** – Bryan K. – SPED Summit on Nov 13 – sense of belonging for students with disabilities- a lot of positive feedback.

IX. Round Table (3:00 p.m.)

Agency/Parent Updates – no share outs

X. Annual Report Update – Executive committee working on diligently. Due Date Jan 15, 2025

XI. Adjourn (3:30 p.m.)- Susan Yankee motion, Missy Wrigley, seconds, vote unanimous in favor.

State Advisory Council Meeting Dates/Locations:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
1.	September 18, 2024	9:00-10:30 pm	Virtual Meeting
2.	October 16, 2024	10:00-2:00 pm	CREC, 111 Charter Oak Avenue Room 202, Hartford, CT
3.	November 20, 2024	2:00-3:30 pm	Virtual Meeting
4.	January 15, 2025	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
5.	February 26, 2025	10:00-2:00 pm	TBD
6.	March 26, 2025	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting
7.	April 23, 2025	10:00-2:00 pm	TBD
8.	May 21, 2025	9:00-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting