



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut State Advisory Council for Special Education

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

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

Zoom Virtual Meeting: Members

YouTube Live Stream: Public Participant Viewing
<https://youtu.be/Uvb7-8SQTzA>

(Conference Call Information included below)

MINUTES

Members Present: Bryan Klimkiewicz (non-voting), Jolie Medina (non-voting), Tammy Raccio (Chair), Jane Hampton Smith, Joan Nicoll-Senft, Nachi Bhatt, Catherine Summ, , Brian K. Smith, , Jennifer Lussier, Tom Cosker, Kim Williamson, Jeffry Spahr, Lori Fortuna, Susan Yankee, Dimpy Malvania, , Lena Esposito, Rick Raucci, Cassandra Reilly, Louis Tallarita, Patricia Nunez, Michael Scanlon, Charles Cicarella and Missy Wrigley.

Members Absent: Allison Kopie, Jon Metcalf, Mia Giantonio, Debra Grainsky, Denise Drummond and Marisa Mascolo-Halm (At-Large).

I. Call to Order and Welcome (9:00 am.)

Meeting called to order at 9:06 am by Susan Yankee.

Introductions/Roles/Welcome

Susan Yankee introduces herself and states her role as Chair. The Council members introduce themselves.

II. Council Purpose and Function

Reviewed by Susan Y.

III. Public Comment (9:10 am.) N/A

Jolie notified by Patricia Nunez that a member of the public did attempt to join the meeting by call in as the Council was heading into breakout sessions. The line was no longer in use as priority group work is not part of the public meeting.

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

- Call-In Number: 1-866-880-0098

- Participant Passcode: 89689633

Old Business

IV. Consent Agenda:

a. September 28 Full Council Meeting Minutes

Jolie M. corrected attendance per member responses.

Jane Smith-Hampton made motion, and Rick Raucci seconded. All in favor with the changes recommended to attendance.

V. Executive Committee Report

Susan talks about membership and Dispute AD-HOC chair. Would like to have a chair by Friday, October 28, 2022.

VI. Membership Committee Update

Will have a new ConnCASE rep. recruiting for student members and creating a SAC Membership Recruitment flyer.

Jeff Spahr clarifies who the legislative Committee members are. Doris M., Rick R. and Ana W. did not get letters from Susan Y. who responded she was working off the sign-up from the padlet distributed at the 9/28 Council meeting.

VII. Full Council November 30, 2022 Meeting Location

Bryan proposes a Legislative breakfast and asks Jolie M. about the status of the Legislative Office Building for the 11/30 meeting. Jolie M. responds that the status is pending and that the approval request had been moved from the September 28 meeting to the November 30 meeting on September 30.

Susan talks about moving the Legislative breakfast to January when legislators are in session.

Jeff S. asks Bryan to share Legislative schedule for 2022-23.

VIII. Special Education Division Director Report (9:15am.)

Bryan K. provides a brief report as the Council met on 9/28 and this is a shorter meeting we will be focused on priority group work.

Talks about looking at the SPP and the Annual Performance Plan. Many of the activities align with SAC priorities. Made document for us to work with during breakout. 1. Least Restrictive Environment 2. Transition 3. Mental Health and Behaviors services for students around special education. Bryan discusses and reviews slides for the breakout sessions and priority work with the group. Specifies the areas of concern and where the SAC has worked and advises how special education plays a role. Recommendations from previous committee work can be looked at.

New Business

I. Priority Recommendations (9:30am)

- a. For the Bureau of Special Education
- b. For the Legislature

II. Action Items:

Susan Y. to send letters to Doris M. and Rick R. for Legislative Committee and to send out an email in regard to interest in a Priority Work Ad-Hoc Committee.

Jolie M. to post the Full Council 9/28/22 final meeting minutes.

III. Adjourn (10:30 am.)

Motion to adjourn by Tom C. and seconded by Brian S. All in favor.

State Advisory Council Meeting Dates/Locations:

Meeting	Date	Time	Location
1.	September 28, 2022	9:00-12:00	Virtual Meeting
2.	October 26, 2022	9:00-10:30	Virtual Meeting
3.	November 30, 2022	9:00-1:00	In – Person Meeting
4.	January 11, 2023	9:00-1:00	In – Person Meeting
Snow Date	January 18, 2023		
5.	February 22, 2023	9:00-10:30	Virtual Meeting
6.	March 29, 2023	9:00-10:30	Virtual Meeting
7.	April 26, 2023	9:00-1:00	In-Person Meeting
Tentative	May 24, 2023	9-10:30 am	Virtual Meeting