



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Educator Evaluation and Support (EES) Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

1 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Virtual Online

MINUTES

PRESENT: Sharon Fuller, Sangeeta Bella, Jade Gopie, Erin Benham, Paula Talty, William Rice, Mary Yordon, Kristen Record, Shuana Tucker, Kate Field, Fran DiFiore, Laura Whitacre, Leslie Blatteau, Fran Rabinowitz, Katherine Ericson, Michelle Belcher-Felton

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- Sharon Fuller called the meeting to order at 1:01 pm. Council members introduced themselves.

2. DISCUSSION

- Welcome and introductions include new EES Council members.
- Sharon Fuller reminded the council of its statutory responsibilities.
- The roles and responsibilities of delegates and alternates were reviewed.
- A review of accomplishments in years 1 and 2 of the Council included the following:
 - Year 1 (2024-25):
 - Implemented new requirements focused on strengthening professional practice to improve student learning, growth, and achievement.
 - Provided no-cost technical assistance via the RESC Alliance to school districts; however, this funding has since expired and may now incur a fee.
 - Year 2 (2025-26):
 - Received positive feedback for simplification of process and reduction of burden.
 - Districts continue to assess and refine differentiation of roles and alignment with evaluation requirements.
 - Shifted emphasis to professional learning that supports professional practice goals.

- Expanded opportunities for real-time observation of practice and identification of next steps.
- Priority areas for the EES Council moving forward include ensuring that PDECs are meeting regularly and to increase the focus on leader evaluation.
- The EES Council will disseminate a survey to district Professional Development and Evaluation Committees (PDEC). Draft survey questions were reviewed and refined.

3. FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

- The next meetings will be virtual as follows:
 - December 8, 2026 – 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - March 23, 2027 – 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.
 - June 8, 2027 – 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

4. ADJOURNMENT

- Sharon Fuller called the meeting adjourned without objection at 2:13 pm.