

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Minutes
of the
April 15, 2013, Meeting**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Monday, April 15, 2013, in Room 307 of the State Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

In the absence of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Commissioner Stefan Pryor called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Present: Charles Jaskiewicz
Terry Jones
Patricia Keavney-Maruca
Estela López
Robert Trefry, ex officio
Joseph Vrabely
Stephen Wright

Absent: Andreea Dinicu
Rebecca Salustri

Commissioner Pryor opened the floor for nominations for the Chairperson Pro Tem. Mr. Jaskiewicz nominated Stephen Wright for Chairperson Pro Tem. Mr. Vrabely seconded the motion. Hearing no further nominations, Commissioner Pryor closed the floor for nominations. The Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Wright as Chairperson Pro Tem.

II. Public Participation

- 1) Sandy Grande, Chair of the Education Department at Connecticut College, member of the Educator Preparation Advisory Committee, and a representative of the state's institutions of teacher preparation programs, addressed the Board regarding the EPAC report and recommendations. She concurred that the effort to enhance the quality of teacher preparation programs is essential and a shared responsibility. She stressed the importance of ensuring that quality research is selected and applied. A copy of Dr. Grande's testimony is included in the official file of this meeting.

III. Consent Agenda

Mr. Jaskiewicz removed from the Consent Agenda items III.A., Reauthorization of Trades: Construction Cluster; and III.B., 2014-15 Tuition and Fee Structure for the Technical High School System.

Mrs. Lopez moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items: III.C., Application for Funds for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers and Their Families Proposal; III.D., Application for Funds: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – HIV/STD Prevention, A Cooperative Agreement; III.E., Receipt of Report on the 2006 Agricultural Science and Technology Education Graduates; III.F., Approval of Relicensure of programs in Aeronautics and Technical Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree and a program in Aeronautical Science, leading to the Master of Aeronautical Science (M.A.S.) degree, to be offered by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at the Pratt & Whitney Training Facility in East Hartford, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University; III.G., Approval of Licensure of a Liberal Studies program, leading to a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (M.A.L.S.) degree, Fairfield University; III.H., Approval of Licensure of a program in Occupational Therapy, leading to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (O.T.D.) degree, to be offered online, Quinnipiac University; III.I., Approval of Relicensure of programs in Business Administration, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Process Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Systems Engineering, each leading to a Master's degree; and Relicensure of programs in Power Systems Management and in Manufacturing Engineering, each leading to a graduate certificate, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA; III.J., Approval of Licensure of a program in Cyber Security, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, Sacred Heart University; III.K., Approval of Licensure of a program in Chaplaincy in Multifaith Contexts, leading to a graduate certificate, Hartford Seminary; III.L., Approval of Licensure of a program in Imam and Muslim Community Leadership, leading to a graduate certificate, Hartford Seminary; III.M., Approval of Licensure of a program in Accounting, leading to Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Post University; III.N., Approval of Licensure of a program in Health Care Masters in Business Administration, leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree, to be offered online, Post University; III.O., Approval of Licensure of a program in Social Work, leading to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree, Quinnipiac University; III.P. Approval of Licensure of a program in Technology Management, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, University of Bridgeport; III.Q., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Nursing, leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (D.N.P.) degree, Quinnipiac University; III.R., Approval of Accreditation and modification of a Radiologic Studies completion program to a Radiologic Sciences completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered online, St. Vincent's College; III.S., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Design Management, leading to a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree, University of Bridgeport; III.T., Approval of Accreditation of a program in Sustainability Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, University of New Haven; III.U., Approval of Modification of a program in Liberal Studies, leading to the Master of Arts (M.A.) degree, to be offered online, Albertus Magnus College; III.V., Approval of Modification of an R.N. to B.S.N. completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), to be offered online, Goodwin College; III.W., Approval of Modification of a program in interactive Communications, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be renamed interactive

Media, Quinnipiac University; III.X., Approval of Modification of a program in Communication and Technology Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be renamed Digital Communication, Sacred Heart University; III.Y., Approval of Modification of a program in Media Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be renamed Media Arts leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, Sacred Heart University; and III.Z., Approval of Modification of programs in Business Administration, leading to Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degrees, to be offered online, University of Bridgeport.

C. Application for Funds for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers and Their Families Proposals

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Sections 10211-10214 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (Public Law 111-148), approves the 2013-17 grant application entitled *Funds for Expectant and Parenting Teens, Women, Fathers and Their Families Proposal* for submission to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Health, Office of Adolescent Health, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

D. Application for Funds: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – HIV/STD Prevention, A Cooperative Agreement

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 317(k)(2) of the Public Health Services Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 247 (b)(k)(2) approves the 2013-2018 cooperative agreement application entitled *Promoting Adolescent Health through School-Based HIV/STD Prevention and School-Based Surveillance* for submission to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

E. Receipt of Report on the 2006 Agricultural Science and Technology Education Graduates

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-65a(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, receives the report on the status of 2006 graduates of agricultural science and technology education centers, and continues to support the state's investment of resources to the Agricultural Science and Technology Education Programs and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

- F. Approval of Relicensure of programs in Aeronautics and Technical Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree and a program in Aeronautical Science, leading to the Master of Aeronautical Science (M.A.S.) degree, to be offered by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at the Pratt & Whitney Training Facility in East Hartford, Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, relicense programs in Aeronautics and Technical Management, leading to the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, and a program in Aeronautical Science, leading to the Master of Aeronautical Science (M.A.S.) degree, to be offered by Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University at the Pratt & Whitney Training Facility in East Hartford for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

- G. Approval of Licensure of a Liberal Studies program, leading to a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (M.A.L.S.) degree, Fairfield University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a Liberal Studies program leading to a Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (M.A.L.S.) degree, to be offered by Fairfield University for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

- H. Approval of Licensure of a program Occupational Therapy, leading to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (O.T.D.) degree, to be offered online, Quinnipiac University**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act II-48 Section 244, license a program in Occupational Therapy leading to the Occupational Therapy Doctorate (O.T.D.) degree, to be offered online by Quinnipiac University for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

- I. Approval of Relicensure of programs in Business Administration, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Process Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Systems Engineering, each leading to a Master's degree; and Relicensure of programs in Power Systems Management and in Manufacturing Engineering, each leading to a graduate certificate, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Worcester, MA**

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, relicense programs in Business Administration, Electrical and Computer Engineering, Manufacturing Engineering, Materials Process Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Systems Engineering, each leading to a Master's degree, and relicense programs in Power Systems Management and in Manufacturing Engineering, leading to a graduate certificate, offered by Worcester Polytechnic Institute for a three-year period until April 30 2016.

J. Approval of Licensure of a program in Cyber Security, leading to a Master of Science (MS) degree, Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Cyber Security leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Sacred Heart University for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

K. Approval of Licensure of a program in Chaplaincy in Multifaith Contexts, leading to a graduate certificate, Hartford Seminary

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Chaplaincy in Multifaith Contexts leading to a graduate certificate, to be offered by the Hartford Seminary for a one-year period until April 31, 2014

L. Approval of Licensure of a program in Imam and Muslim Community Leadership, leading to a graduate certificate, Hartford Seminary

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Imam and Muslim Community Leadership leading to a graduate certificate, to be offered by the Hartford Seminary for a one-year period until April 31, 2014.

M. Approval of Licensure of a program in Accounting, leading to Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered on ground and online, Post University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Accounting leading to Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be offered by Post University on ground and online for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

N. Approval of Licensure of a program in Health Care Masters in Business Administration, leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree, to be offered online, Post University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Health Care Masters in Business Administration leading to the Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.) degree, to be offered online by Post University for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

O. Approval of Licensure of a program in Social Work, leading to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree, Quinnipiac University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Social Work leading to the Master of Social Work (M.S.W.) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University for a two-year period until April 31, 2015.

P. Approval of Licensure of a program in Technology Management, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree, University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, license a program in Technology Management, leading to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree to be offered by the University of Bridgeport for a period of three years, until April 30, 2016.

Q. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Nursing, leading to a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree, Quinnipiac University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Nursing leading to a Doctor of Nursing (DNP) degree, to be offered by Quinnipiac University for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

R. Approval of Accreditation and modification of a Radiologic Studies completion program to a Radiologic Sciences completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered online, St. Vincent's College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit and modify a Radiologic Studies completion program to a Radiologic Sciences completion program leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered online by St. Vincent's College for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

S. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Design Management, leading to a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree, University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Design Management leading to a Master of Professional Studies (M.P.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of Bridgeport for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

T. Approval of Accreditation of a program in Sustainability Studies, leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, University of New Haven

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, accredit a program in Sustainability Studies leading to a Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be offered by the University of New Haven for a period of time concurrent with institutional accreditation.

U. Approval of Modification of a program in Liberal Studies, leading to the Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (M.A.L.S.) degree, to be offered online, Albertus Magnus College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, modify a program in Liberal Studies leading to Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (M.A.L.S.) degree, to be offered online by Albertus Magnus College.

V. Approval of Modification of an RN to BSN Completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), to be offered online, Goodwin College

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, modify an RN to BSN Completion program, leading to a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.) degree, to be offered online by Goodwin College.

W. Approval of Modification of a program in Interactive Communications, leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, to be renamed Interactive Media, Quinnipiac University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, modify a program in Interactive Communications leading to a Master of Science (M.S.) degree, offered by Quinnipiac University and to be renamed Interactive Media.

X. Approval of Modification of a program in Communication and Technology Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be renamed Digital Communication, Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, modify a program in Communication and Technology Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered by Sacred Heart University and to be renamed Digital Communication.

Y. Approval of Modification of a program in Media Studies, leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, to be renamed Media Arts leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree, Sacred Heart University

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, modify a program in Media Studies leading to the Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) or Bachelor of Science (B.S.) degree, offered by Sacred Heart University and to be renamed Media Arts leading to a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) degree.

Z. Approval of Modification of programs in Business Administration, leading to Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees, to be offered online, University of Bridgeport

RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 11-48 Section 244, modify programs in Business Administration leading to Master of Business Administration (MBA) degrees, to be offered online by the University of Bridgeport.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Vrabely, Wright
MOTIONS:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	0

Motions carried unanimously.

By unanimous consent, the Board considered agenda items III.A., and III.B., at this time.

III.A. Reauthorization of Trades: Construction Cluster

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-95i(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the following trades for the periods indicated:

Architectural Technologies (Sustainable Architecture)	from January 2013 to January 2018
Carpentry	from January 2013 to January 2018
Electrical	from January 2013 to January 2018
Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC)	from January 2013 to January 2018
Masonry	from January 2013 to January 2018
Plumbing and Heating	from January 2013 to January 2018
Plumbing Heating and Cooling	from January 2013 to January 2018

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

III.B. 2014-15 Tuition and Fee Structure for the Technical High School System

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mr. Vrabely seconded, that the State Board of Education approves the Proposed Tuition and Fee Schedule for fiscal years 2014 and 2015 as recommended by the Connecticut Technical High School System Board and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Jaskiewicz, seconded by Dr. López, the Board voted unanimously to move into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation (Carmen L. Lopez, et al vs. Bridgeport Board of Education, et al).

Present in Executive Session were Board Members Mr. Wright, Mr. Jaskiewicz, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, Dr. López, and Mr. Vrabely. Also present for all or part of Executive Session were Commissioner Pryor, Chief of Staff Adam Goldfarb, and Daniel Shapiro, Assistant Attorney General.

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene in public session at 10:45 a.m. Present were Mr. Jaskiewicz, Mr. Jones, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca, Dr. López, Mr. Trefry, Mr. Vrabely, and Mr. Wright.

V. Consideration of Minutes of the March 6, 2013, State Board of Education Meeting

Mr. Vrabely moved, Mr. Jones seconded, that the Board approve the the Minutes of the March 6, 2013, meeting, as corrected to include Mr. Jones' vote on each of the action items.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Vrabely, Wright
MOTION:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	0

Minutes, as corrected, were approved unanimously.

VI. Items Requiring Action

A. Receipt of Interim Report and Approval of Recommendations from the Education Preparation Advisory Council

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Dr. Lopez seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Public Act 12-3, An Act Concerning Teacher Preparation, receives and approves the interim report from the Educator Preparation Advisory Council (EPAC) and directs the Commissioner to take necessary action to transmit such report to the Education Committee and Higher Education Committee of the General Assembly.

VOTE ON	In Favor:	Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Vrabely, Wright
MOTION:	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of School Leadership Program – University of Connecticut Neag School of Education

Mr. Jaskiewicz moved, Mrs. Keavney-Maruca seconded that the State Board of Education, pursuant to subsections (b) and (c) of Section 10-157 of the Connecticut General Statutes, approves the school leadership program offered by the University of Connecticut Neag School of Education, as described in Attachment A, to satisfy the statutory requirement for completion of a probationary period by an acting superintendent, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON MOTION:	In Favor:	Jaskiewicz, Jones, Keavney-Maruca, López, Vrabely, Wright
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	0

Motion carried unanimously.

VII. Report of the Chair

Mr. Wright reported the following:

NESCC Forum: Mr. Taylor attended the March meeting of the New England Secondary Schools Consortium, and he will report on that meeting at the May 1st State Board of Education meeting.

NASBE Legislative Conference:

Charter School Hearings:

Five state charter applications were submitted by the April 1 deadline. Hearings on the following charter applications are in the process of being scheduled between May 8 and May 22 (two in New Haven, one in Norwalk, one in Waterbury and one in Windham). Mr. Wright thanked those Board members who volunteered to chair these hearings.

SBE Nominations: Mr. Taylor's and Ms. Comer's nominations to serve on the State Board of Education were unanimously approved by the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee as well as the House. They await Senate confirmation, the final step in the process.

Interviews for the 2013-14 student members of the State Board of Education will be held April 23 and 24. 65 applications were received, and the State Student Advisory Council selected 12 individuals to interview. Rebecca Salustri and Andreea Dinicu will serve on the interview panel.

VIII. Report of the Commissioner

Commissioner Pryor thanked Theresa Hopkins-Staten and Allan Taylor for attending today's meeting.

IX. Items for Discussion

There were no items for discussion.

X. Financial Matters

A report will be presented to the Board at its May 1, 2013, meeting.

XI. Committee Reports

A. Finance, Audit and Department Matters

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

B. Legislation and Bylaws

The committee has not met since the last Board meeting.

C. Policy Development

Dr. Lopez reported that the committee will meet in early May to continue its discussion of the development of the five-year comprehensive plan for education.

D. Technical High School System Board

Mr. Trefry reported on the following matters considered by the Technical High School System Board:

- approval of the Reauthorization of Trades: Construction Cluster;
- approval of the 2014-15 Tuition and Fees Structure for the Technical High School System; and
- approval of the SEED Model for evaluation of teachers system wide.;

Mr. Trefry noted that the Commissioner, Superintendent and he attended a meeting regarding STEM, chaired by DECD, to discuss high priority job areas. Mr. Trefry stated that the Skills USA Competition was held recently and commended the participants for their success. He invited Board members to the May 21 meeting of the Technical High School System Board to hear from several speakers regarding current trends in technical education.

E. NASBE

Mr. Wright reported on the Legislative Conference and concerns regarding the impact of sequestration on public education.

Chairperson Pro Tem Wright adjourned the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: _____

Stefan Pryor, Secretary
State Board of Education