

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Legislation and Policy Development Committee Meeting
July 6, 2016**

Draft Minutes

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met in Room 2600, Legislative Office Building, Hartford, Connecticut on July 6, 2016.

I. Call to Order

Committee Chair Theresa Hopkins-Staten called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Also present were committee members Robert Trefry, Joseph Vrabely, Terry Jones* and Erin Benham.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following Department of Education staff members: Assistant to the Commissioner for Board Matters Pamela Charland; Chief of Staff Kelly Donnelly; Chief Operating Officer Charlene Russell-Tucker; Communications Director Abbe Smith; Bureau Chief John Frassinelli; Director of Internal Audit Gloria McCree; Charter School Program Manager Robert Kelly; Legal Director Peter Haberlandt; Staff Attorney Louis Todisco and Paralegal Michael Wallace.

Mr. Stephen Wright, a member of the State Board of Education, was also present along with members of the general public.

*Terry Jones arrived at 8:43 a.m. Maria Mojica was absent.

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

On a motion made by Mr. Vrabely and seconded by Ms. Benham, the Committee unanimously approved the June 1, 2016, Legislation and Policy Development Committee meeting minutes.

III. Legal Overview Concerning Agreements of Charter Management Organizations

Committee Chair Hopkins-Staten greeted everyone and introduced the subject of Charter Management Organizations (CMOs) and CMO Agreements, leading into the overview of the legal requirements that will be presented today.

Mr. Haberlandt, Mr. Kelly and Mr. Todisco then presented a PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Overview of Statutes Regarding Charter Management Organizations." The presentation then turned to the proposed CMO Agreements from Capital Prep Harbor School, Inc. and Achievement First Hartford Academy. Copies of the PowerPoint presentation and the agreements are attached to these minutes.

A discussion ensued with several committee members asking various questions concerning CMOs generally, CMO fees, and the agreements. Because of time constraints it was decided that a vote on approving the agreements would be tabled until a Special Board meeting or the Board Retreat; then the issue will be taken directly to the Board of Education.

Committee Chair Hopkins-Staten invited Committee members to contact Mr. Haberlandt with any additional questions for CSDE staff to review in advance of full Board consideration of the Agreements.

IV. Summer Meals Program

This discussion was tabled due to time constraints.

V. Other Matters

None

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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