

**CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
Hartford**

**Legislation and Policy Development Committee Meeting  
December 5, 2018**

**Minutes  
(Approved 2/06/2019)**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the Board of Education Legislation and Policy Development Committee met in the North Plaza, Meeting Room E, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Connecticut, on December 5, 2018.

**I. Call to Order**

Committee Chair Joseph Vrabely called the meeting to order at 8:36 a.m. Also present were Committee members: Erin Benham, William Davenport, Donald Harris, Terry Jones and Malia Sieve.

Board Member Robert Trefry was present as well.

Presenters: Dr. Sarah Barzee, Chief Talent Officer; Dr. Katie Moirs, Education Consultant and Committee Chair Vrabely.

Also present for all or part of the meeting were the following Department of Education staff members: Chief Financial Officer Kathy Demsey; Communications Director Peter Yazbak; Sheff Office Director Glen Peterson; Legal Director Peter Haberlandt and Recorder Mildred Pagán.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

On a motion made by Committee Chair Vrabely and seconded by William Davenport, the Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the November 7, 2018, Legislation and Policy Development Committee meeting.

**III. Educator Preparation Programs (EPP)**

Committee Chair Vrabely welcomed back Chief Talent Officer, Dr. Sarah Barzee and Education Consultant, Dr. Katie Moirs. Two EPP proposals were presented: a bilingual education program, Teach for America (TFA) and a graduate-level, special education program at the University of Hartford. After the submission and review of second proposals, both programs were moved to the CSDE Review Committee for consideration. In November 2018, the CSDE Review Committee recommended full approval for both programs.

Committee members engaged in a brief discussion asking a variety of questions, which Dr. Barzee and Dr. Moirs responded to accordingly.

On a motion made by Committee Chair Vrabely and seconded by William Davenport, the Committee unanimously approved forwarding the two EPP programs for consideration to the State Board.

**IV. Continued Discussion Regarding State Board of Education Position Statement on Public School Choice**

Committee Chair Vrabely welcomed back Chief Financial Officer Kathy Demsey who gave her final review on the funding chart concerning choice programs. Committee members engaged in a brief discussion. Committee Chair Vrabely asked Ms. Dempsey and Mr. Haberlandt to put together a rough draft of the important points discussed to bring to next month's meeting.

**V. Other Matters**

Committee Chair Vrabely thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Mildred Pagán, Recorder