

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

Special Meeting

**Minutes
Special State Board of Education Meeting
June 19, 2018**

(Approved September 5, 2018)

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met on Wednesday, June 19, 2018, in Room 2D of the Legislative Office Building, 300 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Allan Taylor called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

Present: Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson
Estela López, Vice Chairperson
Erin D. Benham
Erik M. Clemons
William P. Davenport
Donald F. Harris, Jr.
Terry H. Jones
Maria I. Mojica
Malia K. Sieve
Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio (via conference call)
Joseph J. Vrabely, Jr. (via conference call)

Absent: Mark E. Ojakian, Ex Officio
Saomai Nguyen, Student Member
Jaweria Shah, Student Member
Stephen P. Wright

II. Public Participation

The following participants spoke regarding Path Academy, Windham:

1. Ben Wenograd
2. Dr. Patricia Garcia, Superintendent, Windham Public Schools

3. Dr. Ramon Vega, Director of Student Support Services and Recruitment, Our Piece of the Pie
4. Jim Rivers, Town Manager, Town of Windham
5. Victor Funderburk, Mayor, Town of Windham
6. Orlando Rodriguez, Research and Policy Development Specialist and Chief Economist, Connecticut Education Association (CEA)
7. Howard Raphaelson
8. Bob Horrocks
9. Susan Johnson, State Representative for the 49th House District

III. Opportunity for Path Academy to be Heard and Demonstrate Compliance with all Requirements for Retention of its Charter Pursuant to C.G.S. § 10-66bb(i)

A Court Reporter was present at the meeting. The following witnesses from the State Department of Education and Path Academy, Windham, provided evidence and testimony and were duly sworn in by the Court Reporter as follows:

George Hernandez
Norma Chapman
Gino LoRicco
Kathy Demsey
Desi Nesmith
Justin Cleary
Tracy Lambert
Kiarra Griffin
Jordan Coe
Enid Rey
Dan Simonich
Elizabeth Boney
Rodney Alexander, Jr.
Ronald Mendez
Chris Sheehan
Cam Vautore
Robert Pitocco
Ajit Gopalakrishnan
Dianna Wentzell

IV. Consideration of Charter Revocation – Path Academy

The official transcript is on file with the State Board Office and is available upon request.

V. Petition for Declaratory Ruling Filed by the Thomaston Board of Education

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RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) Section 4-176 and Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Section 10-4-22, agrees to issue declaratory rulings regarding C.G.S. Sections 10-64, 10-65, and 10-97, on the issues included in the Petition of the Thomaston Board of Education for a Declaratory Ruling, submitted by the Thomaston Board of Education, as such issues may be combined or modified by the Board, by the Board's October meeting, and directs the Department to:

- (1) provide such notice that the Board will issue a ruling to the public and interested parties as the Department determines is necessary, reserving the Board's option to combine issues or modify the issues to be decided as it may deem appropriate;
- (2) determine the procedure and schedule by which the Region 6 BOE and the TBOE may provide written submissions as to their position on the issues raised in the Petition, as combined or modified;
- (3) determine the procedure and schedule by which other interested persons may provide written submissions as to their position on the issues presented by the Petition, as combined or modified; and
- (4) provide the Board with the materials received from interested parties, or a summary thereof, and other material as appropriate to allow the Board to deliberate on a proposed ruling.

and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

VOTE ON

MOTION:	In favor:	Benham, Clemons, Davenport, Harris, Jones, López, Mojica, Sieve, Taylor, Vrabely
	Opposed:	0
	Abstained:	0
	Absent:	Wright

Motion carried unanimously.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 4:43 p.m.

Signed: _____
Dr. Dianna R. Wentzell, Secretary
State Board of Education