

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Hartford**

**The Legislation and Policy Development Committee**

Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 8:30 a.m.  
State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut  
Conference Room: **North Plaza, Meeting Room J**

*Erin D. Benham, Acting Chair, William P. Davenport  
Donald F. Harris, Malia K. Sieve*

**Minutes**

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 J, 450 Columbus Blvd., Hartford, Connecticut, on November 6, 2019.

**I. Call to Order**

Acting Committee Chair Erin Benham called the meeting to order at 8:33 a.m. Also present were Committee members: Donald Harris, William Davenport, and Malia Sieve.

Presenters: Charlene Russell-Tucker, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Education (SDE); John Frassinelli, Bureau Chief; Christopher Todd, Bureau Chief.

Also present for all or part of the meeting was SDE Legal Director Jessa Mirtle, and members of the public and SDE staff.

**II. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

A vote to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2019, and October 2, 2019 Legislation and Policy Development Committee meeting was raised by Chair Benham and duly seconded. All voted in favor and the minutes were approved.

**III. Vaping, E-Cigarettes and Changes to Tobacco Statutes**

Charlene Russell-Tucker, Deputy Commissioner and John Frassinelli, the Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Health/Nutrition, Family Services and Adult Education delivered a presentation on the recent changes to the Tobacco statutes. Deputy Commissioner Russell-Tucker and Mr. Frassinelli alerted the Committee to various ways vaping devices are being marketed to students. The Committee also discussed outreach opportunities and ways that the SDE is educating and supporting districts to combat the health risks.

**IV. Relay Program Update**

Christopher Todd, the Bureau Chief for the State Department of Education Talent Office, presented an updated report on the status of the Relay Program. In particular, the Committee

discussed the partnerships with public schools and charter schools, and the outreach opportunities to expand Relay's relationship with districts in other parts of the State.

**V. Executive Session – Pending Litigation**

A vote to go into executive session was raised by Chair Benham and duly seconded. All voted in favor and the Committee went into executive session at 9:08 am. The Committee came out of executive session at 9:25.

**VI. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:28 a.m.