

**CONNECTICUT STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Hartford**

**Minutes
State Board of Education Special Meeting
July 18, 2019
(Approved September 4, 2019)**

Pursuant to notice filed with the Secretary of the State and posted on the agency's Web site, the State Board of Education (hereinafter "Board") met via teleconference on Thursday, July 18, 2019. A speakerphone was placed in Plaza North Meeting Room I of the State Office Building, 450 Columbus Boulevard, Hartford, Connecticut.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Allan Taylor called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. A roll call was taken of the members on the call.

Present: Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson (via conference call)
Estela López, Vice Chairperson (via conference call)
Erin D. Benham (via conference call)
Erik M. Clemons (via conference call)
William P. Davenport (via conference call)
Donald F. Harris, Jr. (via conference call)
Mark E. Ojakian, Ex Officio (via conference call)
Malia K. Sieve (via conference call)
Robert J. Trefry, Ex Officio (via conference call)

The following State Department of Education staff members were present in the meeting room of the conference call:

Interim Commissioner Desi D. Nesmith
Chief Operating Officer Paul Mounds, Governor Ned Lamont's Office
Executive Office Manager Ann Marie Hitchery, Office of the Commissioner
Chief of Staff Laura J. Stefon, Office of the Commissioner
Legal Director Jessa Y. Mirtle, Division of Legal and Governmental Affairs
Staff Assistant Aldith C. Dewar, Office of the State Board of Education

II. Recommendation of Commissioner of Education

Chairperson Taylor requested that the resolution be read aloud into the record. Attorney Jessa Mirtle read the following resolution into the record:

TO BE PROPOSED:

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RESOLVED, That the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-3a of the Connecticut General Statutes, recommends to the Governor the appointment of Dr. Miguel A. Cardona as Commissioner of Education, for a period coterminous with the term of the Governor, and directs the Chairperson to take the necessary action.

Approved by a vote of ___ this eighteenth day of July, Two Thousand Nineteen.

Signed: _____
Allan B. Taylor, Chairperson

Dr. López moved, Mrs. Benham seconded, that the State Board of Education, pursuant to Section 10-3a of the Connecticut General Statutes, recommends to the Governor the appointment of Dr. Miguel A. Cardona as Commissioner of Education, for a period coterminous with the term of the Governor, and directs the Chairperson to take the necessary action.

Prior to the Board roll call vote, questions were raised concerning the candidate selection process. Interim Commissioner Nesmith formally invited Mr. Paul Mounds to join the meeting. Mr. Mounds addressed the Board and answered their questions.

Chairperson Taylor prompted the Board that there was a resolution on the floor that had been moved and seconded. A roll call vote was taken of each voting member.

VOTE ON

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

The motion carried with a vote of 6:1.

III. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 10:56 a.m.

Signed: _____
Dr. Miguel A. Cardona, Secretary
State Board of Education