

Minority Teacher Recruitment Policy Oversight Council

Minutes
May 16, 2018

Present: Sarah Barzee
Mia Dimbo
Sal Escobales
Sam Galloway
Jane Gates
Terrell Hill
Gladis Kersaint
Madeline Negron
Kevin Walton

Absent: Ellen Cohn
Sheila Kearney
Arlene Arias
Steven Hernandez
Laura Stefon
Desi Nesmith
Elsa Nunez

CSDE Staff: Kim Wachtelhausen

Visitor: Nicole Berube (CCIC)

Dr. Sarah Barzee, Chief Talent Officer, CT State Department of Education, welcomed members to the meeting. Dr. Barzee reminded the council of their charge, including the responsibility to report annually on the work of the council, including recommendations, to the Commissioner of Education and the General Assembly.

Dr. Barzee walked the committee through SB 455: An Act Concerning Minority Teacher Recruitment and Retention with special attention to the NEW language in the bill.

Dr. Barzee gave a brief overview of the June 30, 2017 report to Commissioner Wentzell on the council's recommendations and what progress has been made to date. Members participated in an activity to generate potential recommendations for inclusion in the July 2018 report. Due to time constraints, council members were unable to prioritize and reach consensus regarding the top recommendations at the meeting. Dr. Barzee and her staff will synthesize the recommendations generated by the members and send a follow-up email to council members. Members will be asked to select their top four priorities. Based on consensus, the top recommendations will be included in the July 2018 report to the Commissioner of Education.