

CREC
Council Meeting
10/18/2023
11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	CREC ATTENDEES:
Tyron Harris, Chair	Greg Florio
Meg Scata, Secy/Treasurer	Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Krista Cherry	Jeff Ivory
Patrice McCarthy (CABE)	Miguel Pabon
Leonard Lockhart	Tim Sullivan
Bobbie Hughes-Granato	Sasha Douglas
Dilip Desai	Amy Karwan
Sue Pike	Sarah Vocca
Louis Daniels	Heather Tartaglia
Debby Rodriguez	Debra Borrero
	Elaina Brachman
	Brian Greenleaf

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

10/18/2023 Council Meeting at 11:36 a.m. by Tyron Harris, Chairperson.

A. 9/20/23 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the September 20, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Leonard Lockhart, seconded by Dilip Desai, and passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

III. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Tim Sullivan, Sarah Vocca, and Sasha Douglas presented on CREC Magnet Schools, including the programs, assessments, graduation statistics, math growth and data, ELA growth and data, science observations and next steps and work done and work in progress.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meg Scata spoke about the Head Start program in Portland.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Head Start/Early Head Start Program: 2023-2024 (Revision)(Attachment A)

MOTION: A Motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Meg Scata, seconded by Dilip Desai, and passed unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio thanked CREC staff for the magnet school presentation and informed Council that the presentation recording will be sent out to all.

The next presentation will be with respect to Head Start/Early Development at the November meeting.

He spoke about the council itself – members leaving and coming onboard – and the importance of onboarding the new members as to what CREC is about and the relationship between CREC and surrounding districts. The next municipal election will be in November. CREC will work on the onboarding process after the new year.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Tyron thanked those council members who will not be returning for their advocacy and being a local voice in the community.

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

September 2023 policies 1-3 were presented to council as second reading.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval by CREC Council.

MOTION: Leonard Lockhart moved to have September Policies 1 through 3 adopted, with Dilip Desai seconded said motion. The policies were passed unanimously by the council.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Deb Borrero stated that CREC is still meeting internally to get more information and clarity, especially regarding magnet school funding.

Patrice McCarthy updated the council regarding the task force/working groups. The group for mandates is meeting on a monthly basis. The certifications group is doing a complete overhaul as certifications have not had a comprehensive review since 1998.

X. REPORTS**A. Financial Report (Attachment C)**

Jeff spoke about the Financial Report, specifically Column 3 of the last page. As of the last council meeting, there is \$401.6 million of which \$600K is for construction. As a result of the council's approval of today's consent agenda, the new total is \$403.9 million for CREC services and programs excluding school construction.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Head Start was discussed at length, more specifically, the deadline for Pre-K students within the CREC system. The State has assured CREC, according to Tim Sullivan, that any Pre-K students within the CREC system will be "grandfathered" into kindergarten so there is no disruption in their education. If we do not get that consideration, any child that does not meet the age requirement would be taken out of the program and lose their place. There is no place to put these students until they reach the "appropriate" age.

Sandy spoke about the Wilcox School in Windsor. We have renovated one wing and have 2 others to renovate. We have submitted for State funding to do so.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION - A motion was made by Meg Scata, seconded by Dilip Desai and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:18 p.m.