

CREC
Council Meeting
9/20/2023
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

COUNCIL MEMBERS:	CREC ATTENDEES:
Tyron Harris, Chair	Greg Florio
Kim Oliver, Co-Chair	Mason Thrall
Meg Scata, Secy/Treasurer	Jeff Ivory
Patrice McCarthy (CABE)	Sandy Cruz-Serrano
Leonard Lockhart	Tim Sullivan
Bobbie Hughes-Granato	Aura Alvarado
John Vecchitto	Amy Karwan
Lydia Tedone	Carlos Figueroa
Miriam Underwood	Heather Tartaglia
Maureen Sattan	Debra Borrero
Dilip Desai	Brian Greenleaf
Sue Pike	
Julie Thompson	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

9/20/2023 Council Meeting at 11:32 a.m. by Tyron Harris, Chairperson.

A. 6/21/23 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the June 21, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Leonard Lockhart, seconded by Meg Scata, and passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

III. PRESENTATIONS TO COUNCIL

Heather Tartaglia presented on CREC Student Services. She spoke about CREC programs, how they are run, where programs are located within district and the future of said programs.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. General Item

- 1) Cost Allocation Plan (Attachment A)

B. 2022-2023 Revised Programs

- 1) CREC Magnet School Office (Attachment B)
- 2) CREC Academy of Computer Science & Engineering Middle School (Attachment C)
- 3) CREC Academy Of Aerospace & Engineering Elementary Magnet School (Attachment D)
- 4) CREC Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts Magnet Middle School (Attachment E)

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio spoke about the presentations that will be done at each Council meeting. Magnet Schools will be discussed in October and Head Start/Early Development will be discussed in November.

He talked about how large an undertaking transportation is for CREC and that this year was off to a very good start.

The Back to School Block Party and Fall Staff (first in person since Covid) were discussed and how amazing both events were for not only CREC but the community at large.

2 CREC schools were awarded the Blue Ribbon by the U.S. DOE which is a great success as the DOE picks the schools according to their research and recognition.

Dr. Florio introduced Brian Greenleaf as Jeff Ivory's eventual replacement as Jeff will be retiring next year.

Sandy spoke briefly regarding CREC's Business Department reorganization.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

None.

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

None

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrice McCarthy stated that legislature was coming back the Monday after the meeting with a limited agenda so at present, there was nothing to report.

She talked about various working groups including mandates, certifications and a special education task force. Reports are due in January 2025, but they are working on having an interim report done in January 2024 for the mandates working group.

Deb Borrero had no CREC legislative update but will have one at the October meeting.

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

Jeff spoke about the Financial Report, specifically Column 3 of the last page. As of the last council meeting, there is \$418.6 million. As a result of the council's approval of today's consent agenda, the new total is \$401.5 million.

CREC is still owed \$2.6 million from ESTE for transportation, \$2.4 million from another entity also for transportation and \$2.5 million for transportation from last year.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION - A motion was made by Leonard Lockhart, seconded by Meg Scata and passed unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 12:17 p.m.