

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.

TO: CREC Council and Superintendents
FROM: Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.
DATE: February 20, 2019

CREC
Council Meeting
2/20/19
11:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
CREC Central
Rooms 101 & 102
111 Charter Oak Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Don Harris - Bloomfield	Greg Florio –Executive. Director - CREC
Chris Davey - Bolton	Sandy Cruz-Serrano – Deputy Director - CREC
Christopher Wilson - Bristol	Tim Sullivan – Superintendent of Magnet Schools CREC
Joseph Scheideler - Canton	Deborah Richards – Director, Student Services - CREC
Tyron V. Harris – East Hartford	Amy Karwan – Director, Resource Group - CREC
Gary Blanchette - Ellington	Jeff Ivory – Comptroller - CREC
Jeremy Grieveson - Glastonbury	Sarah Vocca – Assistant Superintendent
Jenny Emery - Granby	Julia Winer – Director of Public Policy and Strategic Planning - CREC
Karen Taylor -Hartford	Regina Terrell – Human Resources - CREC
John Vecchitto – Region #10	Aura Alvarado – Communications - CREC
Laurie Boske – Rocky Hill	
Lydia Tedone - Simsbury	Patrice McCarthy - Deputy. Director and General Counsel, CABE
Anne Kirkpatrick - Somers	Namakula Edwards – Parent Senate Representative
David Joy – South Windsor	Lisa Steimer - CABE
Carol Anderson-Blanks – West Hartford	

Linda Gessay – Vernon	
Ginger McCurdy - Wethersfield	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

A. 1/16/19 Council Meeting

MOTION: Motion to approve the January 16, 2019 minutes made Don Harris, seconded Jeremy Grieveson, and passed unanimously. The following members abstained: Linda Gessay, Ginger McCurdy and Joseph Scheideler.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lisa Steimer from CABE gave a brief overview to council members on how to log in Navigate through the new upcoming E-Meeting, which will start on the April 2019 CREC council meeting. – Handouts provided during meeting.

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

A. Open Choice – Presented by Deb Borrero and Carol Kerkin – presentation uploaded on the CREC Council website

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance & Audit Committee – Jeremy Grieveson provided and update
Policies Committee – provided update as the committee met last month and policies will be presented in deliberated actions
Legislative Committee – will be meeting following this council meeting

V. CONSENT AGENDA

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT

Greg Florio stated that he forwarded the Budget to all. Tim Sullivan is analyzing very closely and reminder of Public Hearing coming up on Friday. Reminded all council members that the March Council meeting will start at 1pm with lunch will be provided at 12:30. The meeting needed to be changed due to CABE Day on the Hill meeting and states that the agenda will be compact –Business meeting only. Dr. Florio thanked Deb Borrero and Carole Kerkin for their presentation. Informed the council members that CREC is not involved with anything that has to do with Real Estate as an article was printed on the past-leased property being transformed into apartments. Talked about the changes to the Arts Program not everyone is happy with the changes that needed to be made as not cost efficient as there was a big deficit. Tim Sullivan explained the situation and how different avenues were explored and decision was made.

COUNCIL CHAIR’S REPORT

Council Chair David Joy wanted to thank Julia Winer, Maureen DePierro and all involved in putting together the Legislative Breakfast, as it was a success. Stated that 18 Legislators attended and 10 of the 18 were on the Education Committee.

VII. DELIBERATED ACTION

A. New Business

1) Policies (Attachment A)

The following policies were approved by the Policy Committee on January 16, 2019 as a first reading:

Revised Policy/Regulation: 3314PR – Travel Reservation Practices

Revised Policy/Regulation: 5145.5PR – Suicide Prevention

Revised Policy: 6115P – Ceremonies and Observances

MOTION: Motion to approve Deliberated Action Policies 3314/PR, 5145.5PR and 6115P made Don Harris, seconded John Vecchitto, and passed unanimously.

The following policies are presented by the Policy Committee for a second reading:

Revised Policy/Regulation: 3314PR – Travel Reservation Practices

Revised Policy/Regulation: 5145.5PR – Suicide Prevention

Revised Policy: 6115P – Ceremonies and Observances

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval by CREC Council

MOTION – A motion was made by Don Harris seconded by John Vecchitto and passed unanimously to approve and adopt Deliberate Action policy 3314PR – Travel Reservation Practices.

Motion – A motion was made by Jeremy Grieveson and seconded by John Vecchitto to have changes made to the language in policies 5145PR Suicide Prevention and 6115P Ceremonies and Observances and be presented for approval motion in the March CREC Council Meeting.

B. Old Business

VII. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrice McCarthy – gave update to the council

VIII. REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Attachment B) - presented and accepted

IX. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Don Harris – Reminded council members of CABE Webinar scheduled on 2/21 from 1-2pm on CABE website, CABE Day on the Hill on March 20th, NSBA Conference in Philadelphia scheduled 3/29 – 4/1 and lastly Education Testimony on March 6th at the LOB Room 2C will be discussing Bill #7082 Inclusion of African American Studies in the School Curriculum.

John Vecchitto – spoke about proposed bill #5706 Burden of Proof State Panel this will be a neutral party. More to follow.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: Motion made by Don Harris and seconded by Jeremy Grieveson passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 1:15pm