

CREC
Council Meeting
4/17/2024
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In-Person and ZOOM Meeting (Link in Calendar Invite)

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Tyron Harris, Chairperson	Greg Florio
Leonard Lockhart, Vice Chairperson	Deb Borrero
Meg Scata, Secretary/Treasurer	Aura Alvarado
Christopher Campbell	Mason Thrall
Joan Pina	Carlos Fiqueroa
Lydia Tedone	Amy Karwan
Patrice McCarthy	Carol Dewey
Susan Pike	Tim Sullivan
Philip Rigueur	Sasha Douglas
Bobbie Granato-Hughes	Jeff Ivory
	Brian Greenleaf

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

4/17/2024 Council Meeting called to order at 11:36 a.m.

A. 3/20/24 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the March 20, 2024 minutes was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Lydia Tedone. The motion passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

Amy Karwan, Director of CREC’s Resource Group (CRG), presented to the council regarding the strategic focus areas, the history of CRG, goal of reorganization, services offered, and services.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meg Scata gave a quick update on the finance and audit committee meeting.

V. CONSENT AGENDA**A. Grant Applications**

- 1) Connecticut State Department of Education – Application for Program Enhancement Projects for Adult Education (Attachment A1)
- 2) Application for Head Start/or Early Head Start Expansion Grant Program (Attachment A2)

B. 2023-2024 Revised Programs

- 1) Polaris Center 2023-2024 (Attachment A)

C. 2024-2025 Revised Programs

- 1) Head Start/Early Head Start 2024-2025 (Attachment B)

D. 2024-2025 Continuing Programs

- 1) Learning Corridor Campus (Attachment C)
- 2) Transportation Services (Attachment D)
- 3) Hartford Transportation Services (Attachment E)
- 4) Project Prevent (Attachment F)
- 5) Sheff Technical Services Agreement (Attachment G)
- 6) Magnet School Assistance Program (Attachment H)
- 7) Hartford Region Open Choice Program (Attachment I)
- 8) Open Choice Early Beginnings Grant (Attachment J)
- 9) Summer Enrichment Program (Attachment K)
- 10) Integrated Program Models (Attachment L)
- 11) Community Education Services (Attachment M)
- 12) Soundbridge (Attachment N)
- 13) Connecticut Technical Education and Career System (Attachment O)
- 14) Youth Service Programs (Attachment P)
- 15) Early Childhood Education (Attachment Q)
- 16) CREC Resource Group (Attachment R)

MOTION - A motion was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Joan Pina. The motion passed unanimously to approve Attachments A-R.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio spoke about how CREC has been fostering a more collaborative atmosphere between the districts and RESC's. He reminded the council about the annual meeting taking place at CREC Central on May 15th. He announced the Desi Nesmith, the new Assistant Executive Director, will be starting at the end of April.

He asked Sasha Douglas to give a quick update as to Tim's retirement, her moving into his position and the internal hiring process to find her replacement. Nick Chanese will be taking over as Superintendent to replace Sasha.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

Mr. Harris thanked the council for their continued support and work.

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION**A. Policy Approval (Attachment S)**

The following policies/regulations were approved by the Policy Committee on March 20, 2024 as a first reading:

- 1) Proposed New 4119 – Code of Conduct
- 2) Proposed Revised 4112.8 P – Nepotism
- 3) Proposed Revised 4118.13 P – Conflict of Interest
- 4) Proposed Revised 4118.13 R – Conflict of Interest
- 5) Proposed Revised 6141.32 P – Instruction and Use of Internet
- 6) Proposed Revised 6141.321 P – Internet/Computer Networks Use
- 7) Proposed Revised 5131.81 P – Electronic Devices

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

- 1) Proposed New 4119 P – Code of Conduct
- 2) Proposed Revised 4112.8 P – Nepotism
- 3) Proposed Revised 4118.13 P – Conflict of Interest
- 4) Proposed Revised 6141.32 P – Instruction and Use of Internet
- 5) Proposed Revised 6141.321 P – Internet/Computer Networks Use
- 6) Proposed Revised 5131.81 P – Electronic Devices

MOTION - A motion was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Meg Scata to adopt policies 1-6 (Attachment S). The motion passed unanimously to approve Attachment S.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Patrice McCarthy talked about the House and Senate being in session, 2 reappointments to the State Board of Education and 3 new appointments to same. Education bills are not ready for action in either Chamber. Session will adjourn on 5/8/2024 and there will be a legislative wrap-up on 5/15.

Deb Borrero talked about permanent funding for education bills, the Teacher Residency Program and funding for trauma coordinators. She is monitoring session for various goals, especially large education bills.

X. REPORTS

A. 2023 – 2024 Financial Report (Attachment T)

As of our last council meeting the 2023-24 total approved budgets was \$435 million dollars of which \$600,000 was for school construction projects. That leaves a balance of \$434.4 million dollars.

With today's approval of the consent agenda, there is \$435 million dollars which excludes school construction.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lydia spoke about the NSBA conference in New Orleans.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by Leonard Lockhart to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Meg Scata. The motion was passed unanimously at 12:16 p.m.