

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

| <b>COUNCIL MEMBERS:</b>   | <b>CREC ATTENDEES:</b> |
|---------------------------|------------------------|
| 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)

**MOTION:** A Motion to approve the Consent Agenda (Attachments A-E) was made by Leonard Lockhart, seconded by Lydia Tedone and passed unanimously.

**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 FallStaff (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**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
Greg J. Florio, Ed.D.

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