

CREC
Council Meeting
9/18/2024
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In-Person and ZOOM Meeting (Link in Calendar Invite)

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Tyron Harris, Chair	Greg J. Florio
Leonard Lockhart, Co-Chair	Carlos Figueroa
Meg Scata, Secretary/Treasurer	Desi Nesmith
Christopher Campbell	Amy Karwan
Lydia Tedone	Aura Alvarado
Joan Pina	Sasha Douglas
Carl Stebbins	Mason Thrall
Charlotte Riley	Elsie Gonzalez
Steven Tatum	Deb Borrero
Bobbie Hughes-Granato	Carol Dewey
Amy Perrotti	Heather Tartaglia
Stephen Wilson	
Miriam Underwood	
Chanel Echevarria, Student Liaison	

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

9/18/2024 Council Meeting @ 11:34 a.m.

A. 5/15/2024 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the May 15, 2024 minutes was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Meg Scata. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meg Scata gave a report regarding the Audit and Finance Committee:

V. CONSENT AGENDA**A. General Items**

- 1) Cost Allocation Plan (Attachment A)
- 2) Early/Head Start Program (Attachment B)
- 3) School Construction Grant Application for Renovation of Wing B at the CREC Head Start at Roger Wolcott (Attachment B1)

B. 2023-2024 Revised Programs

- 1) CT Technical Education and Career System Related Services (Attachment C)

C. 2024-2025 New Programs

- 1) Regional Trauma Coordinators (Attachment D)
- 2) Entitlement Grants - Other (Attachment E)

MOTION - A motion was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Meg Scata to approve Attachments A-E. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio informed the council that CREC presentation will start again at the next meeting so that it can learn more about CREC programs and services. He also spoke about the Back-to-School event and Fallstaff. He also addressed the start of the new school year and although there are always issues with transportation, the organization did very well overall.

Sasha Douglas spoke about her new role at Superintendent of Schools, her visits to various schools, engagement with staff and students and what her vision is for CREC magnet schools.

Mason Thrall discussed the start of the new school and gave statistics regarding the transportation issues which, given the overall number of students CREC serves as a whole throughout the school year.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

None

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

- 1) Summary of Tentative Agreement for Granby Van Drivers (Attachment F)

Motion: Move that the CREC Council approves Agreement for Granby Van Drivers.

- 2) Summary of Tentative Agreement for Hartford Van Drivers (Attachment G)

Motion: Move that CREC Council approves Agreement for Hartford Van Drivers.

- 3) Summary of Tentative Agreement for Audiologists, Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists and Nurses (Attachment H)

Motion: Move that CREC Council approves Attachments F through H.

MOTION - A motion was made by Lydia Tedone and seconded by Joan Pina. The motion was passed unanimously to approve Attachments F-H.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Deb Borrero talked about this year's Session which will be long. The final priorities are maintaining the increase in magnet school funding. One of the items on the agenda for this year's Session will be the cap on tuition. Jeff Currey will not be running this year for office and he was our biggest supporter of tuition increase to help alleviate the requirements from individual districts.

Dr. Florio informed council of the HASA/Business Manager breakfast meeting schedule for November 22nd and CREC's talking points for said meeting, including magnet school funding.

Patrice McCarthy echoed the above reports emphasizing that we must wait to see who will be taking Jeff Currey's place and hoping that the new person is a big supporter of tuition increase. Another important topic that we need to address is the cap on special education. There will be a delegate committee meeting on 11/4. She wrote a story for the October CABA Journal regarding her attendance at CREC Fallstaff this year.

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

As of our last council meeting the 2023-24 total approved budgets was \$450.4 million dollars of which \$600,000 was for school construction projects. Leaving a balance of \$444.4 million in the budget.

With today's approval of the consent agenda, there is \$450 million dollars which excludes school construction.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Lydia Tedone spoke about the 10th annual CREC Foundation Golf Tournament in early October and urged everyone to attend and participate.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Motion made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Meg Scata. The motion was passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 12:11 p.m.