

**CREC**  
Council Meeting  
1/15/2025  
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.  
In-Person and ZOOM Meeting (Link in Calendar Invite)

<b>COUNCIL MEMBERS</b>	<b>CREC ATTENDEES</b>
Tyron Harris	Greg Florio
Leonard Lockhart	Sasha Douglas
Meg Scata	Desi Nesmith
Joan Pina	Carlos Figueroa
Steven Tatum	Eduardo Miranda
Chris Campbell	Debra Borrero
Bobbie Granato	Mason Thrall
Julie Thompson	Heather Tartaglia
Lydia Tedone	Amy Karwan
Patrice McCarthy	Aura Alvarado
Miriam Underwood	

**I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES**

1/15/2025 Council Meeting called to order at 11:33 a.m.

A. 11/20/2024 Council Meeting

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

**II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None

**III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL**

CREC Budget – Dr. Florio discussed program budgets, CREC programs and services, how costs are allocated, and how funds are split between CREC and participating districts. He talked about how federal cuts, if any, would impact CREC, its schools and programs. He presented data with respect to how much federal money is received and what programs that money benefits.

**IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Heather Tartaglia reported on the 5-year grant CREC has applied for with respect to its Head Start program.

**V. CONSENT AGENDA**

There was no Consent Agenda for today's meeting.

**VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Florio introduced Eduardo "Eddie" Miranda, CREC's new Director of Business Services. He also thanked the Council for its work for Board Appreciation Month. Dr. Florio informed the council that next month's presentation on Magnet Schools will be made by Sasha Douglas, CREC's Superintendent of CREC Schools.

**VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT**

None

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

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

- 1) Proposed Revised 3542.1P – Food Services/Purposes and Facilities
- 2) Proposed Revised 3542.22P – Food Services/Code of Conduct
- 3) Proposed Revised 3542.31P – Free and Reduced Price Meals/Afterschool Snacks
- 4) Proposed Revised 3542.31R – Policy Statement for Free and Reduced Price Meals/Afterschool Snacks
- 5) Proposed Revised 3542.43P – Food Services/Charging Meals
- 6) Proposed Revised 5141.4P – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
- 7) Proposed Revised 5141.4R – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
- 8) Proposed Revised 5141.21P – Administration of Medications
- 9) Proposed Revised 5141.21R – Administration of Medications
- 10) Proposed Revised 5144P – Student Discipline
- 11) Proposed Revised 5144R – Student Discipline
- 12) Proposed Revised 5144.11R – Use of Physical Restraint/Seclusion
- 13) Proposed Revised 7230.2P – Indoor Air Quality

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

- 1) Proposed Revised 3542.1P – Food Services/Purposes and Facilities
- 2) Proposed Revised 3542.22P – Food Services/Code of Conduct
- 3) Proposed Revised 3542.31P – Free and Reduced Price Meals/Afterschool Snacks

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- 5) Proposed Revised 5141.4P – Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect
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- 7) Proposed Revised 5144P – Student Discipline
- 8) Proposed Revised 7230.2P – Indoor Air Quality

**MOTION:** A Motion to approve policies 1 through 8 was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Joan Pina. The Motion passed unanimously.

## **IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE**

CREC Legislative Committee – Review 2025 Legislative Agenda (combined with Council Meeting)

Deb Borrero talked about the CREC Priorities for this Legislative Session. We are looking for equitable student-centered funding specifically for Magnet schools. We are requesting an additional \$19M to assist us with capital improvements. CREC leaders and RESC Alliance leaders have been meeting with legislative leaders to talk about magnet school funding. There is a lack of understanding because there are so many new legislators. There are rising costs in medical benefits and other areas and those rising costs need to be accounted for. There will be a RESC Alliance Informational Hearing on January 29, 2025. At that time, we will be able to talk about magnet schools and the importance of special education. Those are the big priorities. We would also like to see an expansion of TRP (Teacher Residency Program).

CREC/CABE/HASA will host a legislative breakfast on February 11, 2025, at the State Capitol. She urged council members to invite their superintendents and local legislators. We are hoping to have a good and thorough conversation about why we continue to ask for money.

Patrice McCarthy reported on legislative priorities for this year, specifically the recruitment and retention of diverse educators and the need for special education excess cost funding. A special task force committee for special education was created and will be meeting today. They finalized a report yesterday and recommended full funding and support for the development of additional programs regionally that would support special education students with private placements.

## **X. REPORTS**

- A. Financial Report (Attachment B)

## **XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS**

None

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Motion made by Leonard Lockhart, seconded by Joan Pina. The motion was passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 12:46 p.m.