

**CONNECTICUT READING ASSOCIATION**  
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**Summary of the Connecticut State Board of Education (CSBE) Meeting**  
**September 4, 2019**

Attending: Allan Taylor (Chair), Erin Benham, Eric Clemons, William Davenport, Estela Lopez (Vice Chair), Donald Harris, Miquel Cardona (Commissioner), Malia Sieve, Robert Trefry (Ex-Officio)

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Milan Chaud of Newtown, and Sophia Chin of South Windsor, were administered the Oath of Office to serve as student members of the CSBE.

Alicia Robinson and Alita Rumph, current administrators who previously served as teachers in the Bridgeport School System, spoke in support of the petition by Roosevelt School to become members of the Commissioner's Network.

Woody Exley addressed the Board on the need for a diverse teacher workforce and noted that the new Commissioner of Education was one of the first recipients of an Exley Foundation Scholarship for Teacher Preparation.

Tom Stringfellow presented the Board with literature on current cultural issues.

**ITEMS REQUIRING ACTION**

- A. Approval of Commissioner's Network Plan: Roosevelt School. The goal of the turnaround plan is for Roosevelt to adopt strategies, methods, and best practices that have proven to be effective in improving student academic performance, prioritizing specific needs for Roosevelt in three areas which include: improving teacher practice, improving student academic performance, reducing high chronic absenteeism.
- B. Certification Action in the Matter of T (Torian) Hughes. The coaching credentials of the aforementioned individual were permanently revoked.
- C. Section 10-4b Complaint Against the Brookfield Board of Education. In the matter of the claim by a special education student that Brookfield failed to provide an appropriate education, the Board finds that there is no reasonable cause to believe that the Brookfield Board of Education has failed, or is unable, to implement the educational interests of the State of Connecticut, dismisses the Complaint, and directs the Commissioner to take the necessary action.

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER**

Commissioner Cardona reported on his legislative, internal, and external CSDE activities.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Continuing Approval of Educator Preparation Provider, Capital Region Education Council, Advanced Alternate Route to Certification Program for Cross Endorsement in Comprehensive Special Education B. Request for Finance Advisory Committee (FAC) Action C. Trailblazers Academy Surrender of Charter and Acceptance of Closeout Procedures

The Consent Agenda was approved.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ann Marie Mulready