

CREC
Council Meeting
3/19/2025
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In-Person and ZOOM Meeting (Link in Calendar Invite)

COUNCIL MEMBERS	CREC ATTENDEES
Tyron Harris	Greg Florio
Leonard Lockhart	Desi Nesmith
Meg Scata	Carlos Figueroa
Joan Pina	Heather Tartaglia
Steven Tatum	Sasha Douglas
Lydia Tedone	Aura Alvarado
Bobbie Granato	Debra Borrero
Miriam Underwood	Eddie Miranda
Christopher Campbell	Mason Thrall
	Carol Dewey
	Amy Karwan

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

3/19/2025 Council Meeting called to order at 11:30 a.m.

A. 2/19/2025 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the February 19, 2025 minutes was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Bobbie Granato. The motion was passed unanimously.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

III. PRESENTATIONS to COUNCIL

None

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Meg reported on the Finance & Audit Committee and specifically went through the documents that were presented on the Consent Agenda regarding revised programs, new programs and the budget for each program.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. General Items

- 1) Connecticut State Dept. of Education Addendum to Agreement for Child Nutrition Programs: Healthy Food Certification Statement (Attachment A)

B. 2024-2025 Revised Programs

- 1) Polaris Center (Attachment B)
- 2) Early Intervention Birth to Three Services (Attachment C)
- 3) Head Start//Early Head Start Program (Attachment D)

C. 2025-2026 New Programs

- 1) Soundbridge (Attachment E)
- 2) Learning Corridor (Attachment F)
- 3) Transportation Services (Attachment G)
- 4) Polaris Center (Attachment H)
- 5) Early Intervention Birth to Three Services (Attachment I)
- 6) Head Start/Early Head Start Program (Attachment J)
- 7) Internal Staff Development (Attachment K)

MOTION: A Motion to approve Attachments A through K of the Consent Agenda was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Lydia Tedone. The motion was passed unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio discussed several topics together with members of the Executive Leadership team including Heather Tartaglia and Sasha Douglas. Topics discussed included the grant from the Community Investment Fund for River Street School to upgrade outside play areas, magnet school students testifying during legislative session for more money towards education, namely magnet schools, and upcoming nominations for Teacher of the Year and Paraeducator of the Year.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

None

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

A. Policy Approval (Attachment L)

The following policies/regulations were approved by the Policy Committee on January 15, 2025, as a first reading:

- 1) Proposed New Policy 5144.12P – Restorative Practices
- 2) Proposed New Regulation 5144.12R – Restorative Practices
- 3) Proposed Revised Regulation 5162R – Non-Discrimination
- 4) Proposed Revised Policy 6141.5P – Challenging Curriculum – Advanced Courses
- 5) Proposed Revised Policy 7551P – Naming of Facility
- 6) Proposed New Regulation 7551 – Naming of Facility

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

- 1) Proposed New Policy 5144.12P – Restorative Practices
- 2) Proposed Revised Policy 6141.5P – Challenging Curriculum – Advanced Courses
- 3) Proposed Revised Policy 7551P – Naming of Facility

MOTION: A Motion was made by Leonard Lockhart to approve policies 1 through 3 of Attachment L as presented above. The motion was seconded by Meg Scata. The motion passed unanimously.

B. CREC River Street School, Purchase of Building (Attachment A1)

MOTION: A Motion was made by Leonard Lockhart to approve the purchase of 245 Locus Street as set forth in Attachment A1. The motion was seconded by Joan Pina. The motion was passed unanimously.

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Testimony is ongoing, but almost complete, for this year's legislative Session. The council discussed at length steps it can take to help in our fight for additional magnet school money. Information will be shared with the council regarding same. Dr. Florio was in line to testify today, specifically about SN 1 and 1512 which involve changes in reporting regarding school districts. The new bills would require reporting quarterly instead of annually.

X. REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Attachment M)

Eddie Miranda gave the financial report at today's meeting. The 24-25 budget is \$444M and with today's approved consent agenda including a \$1.55M increase from grants, the budget for fiscal year 2025 is \$446M.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

None

XII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Motion made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Meg Scata. The motion was passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 12:31 p.m.