

CREC
Council Meeting
4/16/2025
11:30 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.
In-Person and ZOOM Meeting (Link in Calendar Invite)

| COUNCIL MEMBERS | CREC ATTENDEES |
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| Tyron Harris | Greg Florio |
| Leonard Lockhart | Mason Thrall |
| Meg Scata | Carol Dewey |
| Steven Tatum | Carlos Figueroa |
| Bobbie Granato | Heather Tartaglia |
| Joan Pina | Desi Nesmith |
| Lydia Tedone | Aura Alvarado |
| Chris Campbell | Elsie Gonzalez |
| Miriam Underwood | Eddie Miranda |
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| OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE | |
| Patrice McCarthy, Executive Director and General Counsel (CABE) | |

I. CALL TO ORDER and APPROVAL of MINUTES

4/16/2025 Council Meeting called to order at 11:32 a.m.

A. 3/19/2025 Council Meeting

MOTION: A Motion to approve the March 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 including general items, revised programs and new programs including renovations to Wolcott School. Those items are listed in the Consent Agenda.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

A. General Items

- 1) Wolcott School Alteration (Attachment A)
- 2) Wolcott School Alteration – Contingency Fund (Attachment B)

B. 2024-2025 Revised Programs

- 1) Student Services Office (Attachment C)
- 2) River Street School (Attachment D)
- 3) Farmington Valley Diagnostic (Attachment E)
- 4) RESC Alliance SDE IDEA (Attachment F)
- 5) CT Technical Education and Career System Related Services (Attachment G)
- 6) Supplemental Services (Attachment H)
- 7) Youth Service Programs (Attachment I)
- 8) Early Childhood Education (Attachment J)

C. 2025-2026 New Programs

- 1) Student Services Office (Attachment K)
- 2) Farmington Valley Diagnostic Center (Attachment L)
- 3) University Pathways (Attachment M)
- 4) Transportation Services (Attachment N)
- 5) Sheff Technical Services Agreement (Attachment O)
- 6) Magnet School Assistance Program (Attachment P)
- 7) Hartford Region Open Choice Program (Attachment Q)
- 8) Open Choice Early Beginnings Grant (Attachment R)
- 9) RESC Alliance SDE IDEA (Attachment S)
- 10) CT Teacher Residency Program (Attachment T)
- 11) CT Technical Education and Career System Related Services (Attachment U)
- 12) Learner Engagement and Attendance Program (Attachment V)
- 13) Supplemental Services (Attachment W)
- 14) Youth Service Programs (Attachment X)
- 15) Early Childhood Education (Attachment Y)
- 16) Montessori Training Center Northeast (Attachment Z)

MOTION: A Motion was made by Leonard Lockhart to approve Attachments A through Z of Consent Agenda as presented above. The motion was seconded by Joan Pina. The motion passed unanimously.

VI. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Florio spoke about the finalization of the closing on the property at 245 Locust Street.

He also reminded the council regarding the annual meeting scheduled for May 21, 2025, and what the tentative agenda will be for that day.

Sasha Douglas informed the council about some of the colleges and universities that CREC students were accepted into, which include Amherst, UCONN, Columbia and Johns Hopkins.

VII. COUNCIL CHAIR'S REPORT

None

VIII. DELIBERATED ACTION

A. Policy Approval (Attachment AA)

The following policies/regulations were approved by the Policy Committee on March 19, 2025, as a first reading:

- 1) Proposed New Policy 4118.53/4218.53/6141.3273 – Artificial Intelligence
- 2) Proposed New Policy 5113.1 – Work Release
- 3) Proposed Revised Policy 6142.10 – Student Wellness

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

- 1) Proposed New Policy 4118.53/4218.53/6141.3273 – Artificial Intelligence
- 2) Proposed New Policy 5113.1 – Work Release
- 3) Proposed Revised Policy 6142.10 - Student Wellness

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

IX. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Our main goal is to work on having more money for magnet school sustainability and that there is a cap put in place for magnet school funding for the individual districts. At present, the State is not covering excess costs which is detrimental to individual district budgets.

With respect to special education, OPM has been given control of the budget and how money is spent. If a cap is kept in place, we can only charge up to the cap and no more.

The RESC's would fall under a rate scheduling model which means if a student needed special education services, there would be capped rates, and you cannot charge above that. If the rate needs to be increased, a request must be presented to the Office of Policy and Management. That means that individual RESC's no longer has control over what they can charge

April 27th is the deadline for the Appropriations Committee to report on their bills. There should be a budget within 2 weeks or so from the date of this meeting.

X. REPORTS

A. Financial Report (Attachment BB)

Carol Dewey gave the financial report. 3rd quarter highlights include revenue of \$317.7M which is an increase of \$7.7M. Currently revenue is over expenditures by about \$37.7M. That is more of a result of CREC's up front billing and/or grants that CREC has received. For the 4th quarter, we will see an increase in expense that will match up to the revenue amount.

XI. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Council voted on postponing the nominations for council positions for 2025-2027. Council is looking to fill the secretary/treasurer position and has no one currently. Motion was made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Joan Pina. The motion was passed unanimously.

Dr. Florio gave a final reminder regarding the annual meeting scheduled for May.

XII. ADJOURNMENT MOTION: Motion made by Leonard Lockhart and seconded by Meg Scata. The motion was passed unanimously to adjourn the council meeting at 12:14 p.m.