

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Hartford (NOTE: This was a phone conference meeting)
Mastery Examination Committee Meeting
Monday, February 8, 2016

Present: Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education, Chairperson
Mary Anne Butler, Connecticut State Department of Education
Dr. Joseph Cirusuolo, CAPSS
Jim Accomando, CT PTA
Patti Fusco, AFT
Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Connecticut State Department of Education
Cathy Hill, CAS
Kathleen Kennedy, CT PTA
Abe Krisst, Connecticut State Department of Education
Patrice McCarthy, CABE
Don Romoser, CT PTA
Jeffrey Villar, CCER
Don E. Williams Jr., CEA
Stephen Wright, Connecticut State Board of Education
Richard Murry, Killingly, CABE
Allan Taylor, Connecticut State Board of Education, Chair

Absent:

Marcia Ferreira, CEA
Kathy Greider, CAPSS
Dr. Stephen Hegedus, SCSU
Dr. Karissa Niehoff, CAS-CIAC
Ed Leavy, AFT-CT
Arthur Poole, Higher Education

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Commissioner Dianna R. Wentzell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.
This meeting occurred over a phone conference due to inclement weather.

II. Approval of the Minutes from January 11, 2016, Meeting

Minutes from the meeting on January 11, 2016, approved.

- Members had a question regarding Section 5 of the minutes.
- It was agreed by the group to amend the minutes in Section 5 to read the “value and limitations of survey information was discussed.” The current section would be deleted.

III. Discussion of the Interim Report

- There was a motion to approve the interim report. It was approved.
- There was discussion about the appendix that will contain all the surveys, etc., provided by the stakeholder groups. The group was appreciative of the inclusion of this information.
- The group discussed how the “next steps” section is a statutory requirement. There is a note to change the header of the bulleted list on the “next steps” page. This edit is noted by Laura Stefon and will be included in a revised version of the report.

- The Interim Report will now be submitted to the General Assembly.

IV. Discussion of Next Steps

- There is a discussion about inviting outside experts to discuss validity/reliability issues.
 - It is recommended that Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) members provide an explanation of validity and reliability, as it relates to Smarter Balanced at the next meeting.
 - The committee suggested that it may be helpful to work on questions for the TAC prior to the meeting.
 - There is discussion of what the Connecticut TAC does for the CSDE. The discussion includes explanation of the expertise of each member of the TAC.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on March 22, 2016, beginning at 1:00 p.m.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.