

CONNECTICUT STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Mastery Examination Committee Meeting

May 17, 2016

1 – 3 p.m.

Present: Ajit Gopalakrishnan, Connecticut State Department of Education
Dr. Joseph Cirusuolo, CAPS
Patti Fusco, AFT-CT
Ted Goerner, CEA, (Replacing Marcia Ferreira, CEA)
Kathy Greider, CAPSS
Dr. Stephen Hegedus, SCSU
Abe Krisst, Connecticut State Department of Education
Patrice McCarthy, CABE
Allan Taylor, Connecticut State Board of Education, Chair
Jeffrey Villar, CCER
Don E. Williams Jr., CEA
Stephen Wright, Connecticut State Board of Education

Absent: Dianna R. Wentzell, Commissioner of Education, Chairperson
Jim Accomando, CT PTA
Cathy Hill, CAS
Kathleen Kennedy, CT PTA
Ed Leavy, AFT-CT
Richard Murry, Killingly, CABE
Dr. Karissa Niehoff, CAS-CIAC
Arthur Poole, Higher Education
Don Romoser, CT PTA

I. Call to Order

Ajit Gopalakrishnan called the meeting to order at 1:05. Ted Goerner, Science Teacher from Sedgwick Middle School, West Hartford was introduced as a new committee member replacing CEAs Marcia Ferreira on the Mastery Examination Task Force.

II. Approval of the Minutes from April 28, 2016, Meeting and Other Business

Minutes from the April 28, 2016, Mastery Examination Committee meeting were approved.

III. Overview of all Statewide Mastery Exams as they relate to the Charge

There was presentation of the *Connecticut Summative Assessments and the Mastery Examination Committee Charges* document. This document outlined the assessments in Connecticut as it relates to the charge of the committee. There was conversation about the charges of the committee and the related information about Connecticut assessments.

IV. Discussion of Meeting Plans Document

There was a discussion of the “*Meeting Plan*” document that articulated the meeting topics for the remainder of the meeting dates. There were some suggestions from the committee to modify the document. These will be considered and implemented when possible. Once the revised document is finalized, it will be posted on the CSDE Web site.

V. Presentation on Accommodations and Supports

Joe Amenta, Consultant from the Assessment Bureau, delivered a presentation titled “Usability, Accessibility, & Accommodations,” with samples and explanations on Universal Tools, Designated Supports, and Accommodations.

VI. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2016, from 1 – 3 p.m.

VII. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.