



Special Student Achievement & Outcomes Committee
December 17, 2025
MINUTES

The minutes presented within this document are a summary of the discussion that took place at the Student Achievement Committee meeting. To view the meeting in its entirety and hear full reports please go to: [December 17, 2025 SAC Meeting Recording](#)

PRESENT Committee members: Jill Fitzsimons-Bula (Zoom), Kara Ledger, Barbara Tedesco

ALSO PRESENT: Carly Fortin, Sara Hale, Laura Lanza, Melanie Vetrano (Zoom), Leszek Ward, Iris White

Call to Order

Commissioner Ledger called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

On a motion made by Commissioner Ledger and seconded by Commissioner Tedesco, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move item agenda number 7 (2025 CT Physical Fitness data) to the top of the agenda.

Information: 2025 CT Physical Fitness Data

Mrs. Sara Hale, Physical Education and Health Supervisor, presented the CT Physical Fitness data from the 24-25 school year, which showed a strong 95.8% participation rate and over 50% of students meeting all proficiency standards. While high schools performed exceptionally well, officials are monitoring the impact of reduced PE credit requirements and focusing on new strategies like individualized testing and teacher collaboration to improve scores in challenging areas like upper-body strength.

Comments and questions followed.

Decision: Approval of Minutes from November 19, 2025 meeting

On a motion made by Ledger and seconded by Commissioner Tedesco, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to approve the November 19, 2025 Student Achievement minutes.

Public Comment: No public comment.

Decision: 2026 Meeting dates

On a motion made by Commissioner Ledger and seconded by Commissioner Tedesco, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to approve the proposed 2026 Student Achievement dates.

Decision: AP Biology Curriculum Revision

Mrs. Laura Lanza, Supervisor of Secondary STEM, presented the curriculum revision for the AP Biology course. The course was last revised in 2021 and only consisted of a link to the College Board course and exam description. The revised curriculum was reformatted to our BPS curriculum template. The units in this course include: Ecology, Experimental Design and Data Analysis, Chemistry of Life, Cell Structure and Function, Cellular Energetics, Cell Communication and Cell Cycle, Heredity, Gene Expression and Regulation, and Natural Selection.

Questions followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Tedesco and seconded by Commissioner Ledger, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the AP Biology Curriculum Revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

Decision: ECE Biology Curriculum Revision

Mrs. Lanza presented the curriculum revision for the ECE Biology course. The curriculum was last approved in 2021 and consisted of a link to the Uconn syllabus and a BPS implementation guide. The revised curriculum was reformatted to our BPS curriculum template. The units in this course include: Cell Biology and Biochemistry, Genetics and Molecular Biology, Animal Physiology and Homeostasis, and Evolution.

Comments followed.

On a motion made by Commissioner Tedesco and seconded by Commissioner Ledger, it was unanimously;

VOTED: to move the ECE Biology Curriculum Revision to the full Board of Education for approval.

There being no further discussion, Commissioner Ledger adjourned the meeting at 5:44pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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