

Executive Committee

MEETING SUMMARY



Date: April 25, 2025
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 216/ 44 Hatchedts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

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Present: Robert Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Vice Chair; Jen Favalora, Fiscal Officer; Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools New London; Maryann O'Donnell, Superintendent of Schools Clinton; and Katherine Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Not Attending: Beverly Washington, Secretary

Meeting began at 8:39 a.m.

1. Nominating Committee to provide the 2025-2026 Slate of Board Officers

The committee discussed the slate of officers who will be brought to the LEARN Board of Directors at the May 9th board meeting: Robert Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Vice Chair; Jen Favalora, Fiscal Officer; and Beverly Washington, Secretary.

2. Preliminary Review of the LEARN 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

Michael Belden, LEARN Chief Financial & Operations Officer, and Maria Cuadros, LEARN Business Office Associate, presented to the committee, LEARN's 2025-2026 high-level budget overview.

3. Review May 2025 Board of Directors' Agenda

4. Special Education Legislation Update

Executive Director Ericson provided an overview of the two, complex legislative bills on Special Education. The bills include language regarding the State setting rates for Special Education. This practice is in direct conflict with the role and responsibilities of RESC Board of Directors. Overall, the 120 pages of legislation was not well received by outplacement programs, or families and their advocates.

5. Executive Director's Year End Reflection/Evaluation

Not discussed at this meeting.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 a.m.

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