



Executive Committee

MEETING SUMMARY

Date: January 23, 2026
Time: 8:30 – 10:00 a.m.
Location: LEARN, Room 216/ 44 Hatchedts Hill Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

Present: Robert Mitchell, Chair; Dale Bernardoni, Vice Chair; Jennifer Favalora, Fiscal Officer; Maryann O’Donnell, Superintendent of Schools Clinton; and Kate Ericson, LEARN Executive Director

Not Attending: Beverly Washington, Secretary; and Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, Superintendent of Schools New London

Meeting began at 8:37a.m.

1. Review February 2026 Board of Directors’ Agenda

Executive Director Ericson reviewed the February 2026 draft agenda with the committee.

2. Appointment to New Office of Teaching and Learning (OTL) Leadership Position: Educational Consultant of the Office of Teaching & Learning

This item was postponed until the February 2026 meeting.

3. Bid Waiver Request:

This item although previously listed as a placeholder on the agenda, was not needed and was therefore removed from consideration.

4. Bid Waiver Request: Silver/Petrucelli (Architectural and Engineering Services for continued phased renovations at Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) for summer 2026 and spring 2027.)

Motion to approve the bid waiver pursuant to LEARN Purchasing Policy 3323 to retain Silver/Petrucelli for continued phased renovations at Regional Multicultural Magnet School (RMMS) for summer 2026 and spring 2027.

- Presented by Robert Mitchell
- Second by Jennifer Favorola
- Motion Passed, unanimously

5. School and State Finance Legislative Strategy

Executive Director Ericson reported to Executive Committee that the RESC Magnet Operators have met with the School and State Finance Group to analyze the impact of fully funding the student-centered funding model. Upon review, RESC magnet operators believe that supporting this initiative will benefit magnet school funding.

6. Commissioner’s Superintendent Advisory Summary

Executive Director Ericson shared that she attends Commissioner Russell-Tucker’s Superintendent’s Advisory Board Committee. The Commissioner uses this panel of educational leaders to solicit feedback on various state projects.

7. RESC Alliance Meeting with Commission of Education Summary

Executive Director Ericson was pleased to report that the RESC Alliance Executive Directors had a robust conversation with the Commissioner of Education and her team this past Wednesday. The goal of the meeting was to reinitiate open communication with the Commissioner to offer support and insights from our respective regions. The conversation was productive and set the tone for positive interactions on a more regular basis in the future.

8. Tri-Share Update

Executive Director Ericson relayed a recent update on the CT Tri-Share Program.

9. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:49 a.m.

- **Presented by Robert Mitchell**
 - **Second by Dale Bernardoni**
- Motion Passed, unanimously**

Respectfully submitted by: Jamella A. A. Etienne