

The New London Board of Education Policy Committee meeting was held on June 23, 2026 via Zoom teleconferencing.

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1. Call to Order

Scott Garbini, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Present for the Committee: Scott Garbini – Committee Chair
Becky Amanti – Committee Member
Betsy Perkins – Community Representative

Absent for the Committee: Nanci DeRobbio – Committee Member
Colleen Delaporta-Wells – NLEA Representative

Present for the Administration: Kristea A. Francolino – Manager of Executive Support Services
Miguel Gautier, Executive Director of Operations
Christine Pemberton, Executive Director of Talent & Human Resources
Dr. Jennifer Hills-Papetti, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Cynthia Ritchie – Superintendent of Schools

2. Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. Amanti, to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2026 Policy Committee meeting.

Motion carried, 3-0

4. Discussion and Possible Action on the Following Policies

- 5131.111 – Video Surveillance

Mr. Garbini reminded the committee that this discussion began during the May meeting. For this meeting, he prepared a possible draft policy and a document which outlines comparisons between the currently proposed NLPS policy and policies from other districts throughout the state.

The committee had a discussion about the term “facial recognition” and that it was truly a misnomer for the intent of the software to be used with the cameras. The true term should be AI analytics. The camera software does not have the ability to associate any names to faces for recognition purposes. Using Mr. Garbini as an example, Mr. Gautier shared that the software would not be able to say “Mr. Garbini” is in the building, but rather, it would say there is a “human” in the building. The software has the capability of doing what humans currently do, it just allows staff to do it faster. It can search for “humans” and a staff member would have to review the footage to see if it is recognizing the same person or different people.

Ms. Amanti asked what the policy would be if the police department would like to come in to review footage, and Mr. Gautier explained that all current policies and laws regarding FERPA are followed for the dissemination of any video footage. Ms. Amanti and Ms. Perkins thanked Mr. Garbini for his work on the draft policy. Ms. Perkins shared that she believes the draft language takes into consideration the balance of student safety and student rights. It was also clarified Mr. Gautier that cameras are currently not, and will not be used in private spaces, and this can be explicitly stated in the policy.

Ms. Francolino volunteered to create the draft policy based on current language and Mr. Garbini's proposed language. This draft will be brought to the next committee meeting for review.

It was discussed that the title of the policy should be changed to properly reflect the intent of the policy, and to remove the term facial recognition throughout the body of the policy.

Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. Amanti, to change the name of the policy and the terminology with the policy to be Camera Software, Systems, and AI Analytics.

Motion carried, 3-0

5. Committee Member Comments

Ms. Perkins shared that she believes student representation on the Board is important and would like to recommend that there be student representatives for the upcoming school year. She has spoken with some students who would be interested in doing so, and look forward to hearing from staff.

Mr. Garbini thanked the staff for all that they do with limited and sometimes nonexistent resources.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Ms. Amanti, seconded by Ms. Perkins, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 3-0

The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristea A. Francolino
Manager of Executive Support Services