

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on August 31, 2026, in a Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Courtney West, and Sara Ahern.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 3:00PM.

Minutes

- Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of June 26, 2026.

Create Policy ACL (Interacting with Law Enforcement Officers Engaged in Civil Law Enforcement (Protect Act))

- Dr. Ahern stated this is a new policy to comply with the Protect Act which was signed into law on August 5, 2026. The Act mandates that each school district adopt a clear policy and procedures that conform with the Model Procedures and Guidance issued by the Governor's Office, The Executive Office of Education, and DESE. A model policy was provided by Stoneman, Chandler & Miller LLC, our attorney, which has been used with modification specific to Barnstable.
- Policies and procedures must be adopted to be in effect by September 1, 2026, or the first day of the 2026-2027 school year, whichever is earlier. This is on the September 2 School Committee agenda for approval.

Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Bent
Chair of the Subcommittee on School Committee Policies