



Education Commission: Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 | Time: 2:00 PM

Location: Aurora City Hall, 44 E Downer Place, 5th Floor - Conference Room 5A

Call to Order at 2:03 PM

Present:

Behati Hart (COA)
Dr. Jeff Craig (SD129)
Angela Rowley (IMSA)
Colette Rozanski (CTE)
Dr. Christine Sobek (Waubonsee)
Lynor Johnson (FV Montessori)
Dr. Mark Curtis-Chavez (COD)
Dr. Jennifer Norrell (SD 131)
Alderman Bugg
Dr. John Sparlin (Oswego 308)
Beth Christoffel, CFFRV
Teri Tomaszkiwicz (AU-proxy)
Ricky Rodgers (AAMOU)
Dr. Lisa Hichens (BPS102)

Darin Johnson (Family Focus)

Absent:

Dr. Christine Anderson (SD129),
Sandra Harrison (LITE Leaders)
Dr. Collette House (ACS)
Todd Leden (CUSD)

Others Present:

Michele Williams Clarke – Director of Equity and Inclusion
Angie Thomas – DVA Consultants
Lindsay Cochrane, Dunham Fund

Approval of Minutes:

- 6/1/22 – Unanimous (Dr. Curtis-Chavez and seconded Dr. Sparlin)

Agenda Items:

Committee Priorities

Support for Birth – to – Five

- Trish Rooney and Dr. Talley – Co-Chairs
- Members: Alderman Bugg, Darrin Johnson, Beth Christoffel, Dr. Sobek, Lynor Johnson
- First steps: stay focused on equity, Trish share ideas of what is happening at the federal/state levels down to local levels. Lynor shared email from Trish with press kit

Teacher Shortage & Retention

- Christine Anderson and Angie Rowley - Co-Chairs
- Members: Sandra Harrison, Teri Tomaszkiwicz, Dr. Curtis-Chavez, Steve Pearce/Dr. Hichens, Dr Sparlin
- First step is needs assessment – collect data, ISBE data/reports, higher ed partners. Look at what systems are in place to create home grown pools of candidates and 2nd career individuals

Member End-of-Year Report

Other Business

- Next steps – subcommittee meeting – set up goals and objectives – who are experts we would want to bring in to help guide, members can identify experts and invite them

Sub-committees

BCCs can create sub-committees; this is a great way to have non-appointed members participate from the community. A quorum should be assessed off of the total number of appointed members in the sub-committee. If you keep the number of appointed members participating in the subcommittee below that threshold, No Official Agenda is needed. Sub-committees members and attendees are not allowed to make any decisions at that level. Sub-committees should report their discussion at the official BCC meetings for member approval & voting. Quorum – 11 is our main group, 5 is subcommittee as 6 would be an official meeting, proxies and experts don't count towards the quorum

Member Proxy

Proxies are always welcome, but cannot vote. They can fully participate in the meeting with the exception of voting. It is up to the BCC Chair if they want to ask members to resign and appoint the proxy in their place.

Public Comment:

None in attendance

Announcements:

- Next meeting: Members in attendance voted to cancel August meeting and reconvene September 7, 2:00pm. Moved by Bugg and seconded by Hichens
- New members please send OMA training to Lynor and Behati

Adjournment: 2:50pm