



The Commission on  
Women, Children, Seniors, Equity & Opportunity

**CWCSEO**

Connecticut General Assembly

## **MINUTES**

CWCSEO Full Advisory Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

**PRESENT:** Karen Jarmoc, Ada Fennick, Alan Tan, Madeline Granato, Nancy Heaton, Regina Vermont

**STAFF PRESENT:** Steven Hernandez, TJ Nuccio, Megan Baker, Rosemary Lopez, Denise Drummond, Werner Oyanadel, Michael Werner

### **Welcoming and Convening Remarks by Commission Executive Director**

Steven Hernandez convenes the meeting at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Welcoming remarks are provided by co-chairs.

### **2023 Legislative Session Recap**

An update is provided by CWCSEO staff on Public Act 23-137: An Act Concerning Resources and Support Services for Person's with an Intellectual or Developmental Disability

An update is provided by CWCSEO staff on the passage of Public Act 23-44: An Act Concerning the Minimum age to be Eligible to Marry

An update is provided by Commission staff on the establishment of an office of the food access advocate and tax incentives for grocery stores in food deserts.

An update is provided by Commission staff on Public Act 23-101: An Act Concerning the Mental, Physical and Emotional Wellness of Children, Public Act 23-66: An Act Concerning a Title IX Compliance Toolkit for School Districts, and An Act Concerning a Study of the Effectiveness of the Implementation of Crisis Response Drills in Public Schools and Their Effect on Children's Mental Health.

An update is provided by Commission staff Public Act 23-16: An Act Concerning Transparency in Education. Discussion on the school climate section of this law was provided, the new mandates and future work to be done by the Statewide Social and Emotional Learning and School Climate Advisory Collaborative.



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An update is provided by various members of the Commission staff on the early voting law that was passed during the legislative session (Public Act 23-5).

Steven Hernandez highlights some of the key items that are funded in the budget that was adopted during the legislative session including, but not limited to, funding for gun violence programs, expansion of Husk C income eligibility, mobile crisis intervention services, right to read, free meals for students, temporary family assistance.

### **Future Meetings**

The date for the Advisory Board Retreat is announced and will be held on September 15.

### **Adjourn**

The meeting is adjourned by the co-chairs.