

**Connecticut State Board of Education
Hartford**

Academic Standards and Assessment Committee

Thursday, November 19, 2024

450 Columbus Blvd
Plaza North, Hearing Room J
Hartford, Connecticut

**Draft Minutes
(Approved on: _____)**

I. Call to Order

Pursuant to the notice filed with the Secretary of the State, and with the interim absence of Committee Chair Erik M. Clemons, Committee Chairperson Pro Temp Erin D. Benham. called the meeting to order at 9:38 a.m.

Committee

Members Present:

Erin D. Benham
Allan B. Taylor
Dr. Juan C. Salazar

Committee

Members Absent:

Staff Present:

Irene Parisi
Paul Castiglione
Leslie Navarrete

II. Approval of Minutes

Erin D. Benham, moved, and Allan B. Taylor, seconded, that the Committee approve the minutes of the **September 19, 2024**, Academic Standards and Assessment Committee meeting.

Vote:

In Favor: Benham, Taylor, and Salazar
Abstained: 0
Opposed: 0
Absent: 0

III. Model Curricula Update: Update on the Connecticut K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum

Chairperson Pro Temp Erin D. Benham went on to recognize the meeting's agenda item and yielded the floor to Irene Parisi, Chief Academic Officer, CSDE and Paul Castiglione, Director of Equity and Languages, CSDE.

Ms. Parisi provided an overview of the work to date on the development of the Connecticut K-12 Digital Citizenship Curriculum (Digital Citizenship Curriculum). She highlighted the interagency collaboration with Doug Casey, Executive Director, Connecticut Commission for Educational Technology. The expected outcome for this initiative is to increase learner digital literacy so learners can properly interact and navigate the digital world, noted Mrs. Parisi

Mrs. Parisi informed the Committee that the CSDE initiated the development of the Digital Citizenship Curriculum by establishing a 12-member Design Leadership Team, which was comprised of the CSDE humanities manager, educators, and administrators across the state. She went on to share some highlights of the development timeline for the draft of the Digital Citizenship Curriculum.

Highlights included: The Design Leadership Team meeting schedule has been established, and the Team has already met three times for over an hour and a half; a rubric was drafted and is being used to evaluate the digital citizenship model curricula researched statewide and nationwide to inform the work; the CSDE State Plan and legislation are guiding the work; progression of learning is being built into the Digital Citizenship Curriculum and the curriculum will be available on the GoOpenCT platform, to be free resource for Connecticut educators and school districts; and the CSDE plans to provide professional development on the new curriculum to school district at no cost, which the State of Connecticut has allocated funding.

Mrs. Parisi added that the Design Leadership Team is working with an aggressive timeline, aiming to release the Digital Citizenship Curriculum in the first week of January 2025, and plans to present to the SBE on the new curriculum. Mission is to draft a comprehensive K-12 digital citizenship curriculum with supplemental resources, such as online safety. Per legislation, family engagement is a high focus while drafting the curriculum. The CSDE is required to provide support to families and guardians with digital citizenship.

Moreover, Mrs. Parisi noted that internet connectivity is supported by the CSDE and school districts and the CSDE will work with Mr. Doug Casey to ensure accessibility to internet connectivity support for families and guardians.

The Committee thanked the CSDE team for the update. Chairperson Pro Temp Erin D. Benham opened the floor to questions and comments.

IV. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.

Prepared by: Leslie Navarrete