

Education Public Hearing  
Speaker Order  
March 17, 2021

Order	First Name	Last Name	Organization	Job Title
1	Charlene	Russell-Tucker	Connecticut State Department of Education	Acting Commissioner
2	Laura	Stefon	CSDE	Chief of Staff
3	Irene	Parisi	CSDE	Chief Academic Officer
4	John	Frassinelli	CSDE	Division Director
5	Desi	Nesmith	CSDE	Deputy Commissioner
6	Ajit	Gopalakrishnan	CSDE	Chief Performance Officer
7	Jessa	Mirtle	CSDE	Legal Director
8	Melissa	Hickey	CSDE	
9	Kathy	Demsey	CSDE	Chief Financial Officer
10	Shawn	Wooden	State Treasurer	State Treasurer
11	Kosta	Diamantis	OPM and Office of School	Deputy Secretary of OPM and
12	Cathy	Osten	Senate	Senator, 19th District
13	Crystal	Whipple	Mashantucket Pequot Tribal	Vice Chair
14	Phyllip	Thomas	Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Youth Council	Council on the Mashantucket Pequot
15	Beth	Regan	The Mohegan Tribal Council of Elders	Vice Chairwoman and Justice/Retired Educator of
16	Frank	Smith	Legislator	Representative 118th District
17	Senator	Hwang	Connecticut General	State Senator
18	Gregory	Cava	Regional School District 12	Board Chairman
19	Leonard	Lockhart	Windsor BOE/CABE	Windsor BOE Chair
20	Michelle	Embree Ku	CABE/Newtown BOE	Board Chair
21	Lillian	Bertram	Student	Student
22	Steven	Hernandez, Esq.	Commission on Women,	Executive Director
23	Dawn	Crayco	FoodCorps	CT Program Director
24	Gabriela	Acta	LEAD	
25	Marlene	Megos	RESC Alliance	Director CT Teacher
26	Wilson	Hernandez		Restaurant owner
27	Tim	Sullivan	Capitol Region Education	Superintendent of Magnet
28	Jonathan	Weiner	Civics First	Board President

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29	Sheryl	McNamee		
30	Stephen	Hegedus	Southern CT State University	Dean, College of Education
31	Amy	Roberts	Code.org	Director State Government Affairs
32	Jason	Morris		
33	Juan	Fonseca Tapia		
34	Erica	Biagetti	Guilford Public Schools	SNACT President 2020-2021
35	Ashley	Gibson	College Board	Director, Government Relations
36	Jose	Pimentel	LEAD- Latinos for Educational Advocacy	Board member
37	Douglas	Mills		
38	Karline	Augustin		
39	Orlando	Rodriguez	Connecticut Education Association	Development Specialist & Chief Economist
40	Diane	Willcutts	SEEK-CT (Spedal Education	Advocate
41	Katharine	Morris	UConn & CTEN	
42	Nyree	Hodges	CT Farm to School	Project Coordinator
43	Oswaldo	Chin		
44	Jonathan	Budd	Woodbridge School District	Superintendent of Schools
45	Michael	Coyne	University of Connecticut	Professor
46	Caty	Poole	Massaro Community Farm	Executive Director
47	Sana	Shaikh	Rise Academy Springfield Public Schools, TFA	Education DEI consultant
48	Sandra	Ferreira	Latinos for Educational Advocacy	
49	Linda	Joseph		
50	Timothy	Craine	Central Connecticut State	part time faculty
51	Matthew	Conway	CAPSS	
52	Stephanie	Deason	Mansfield Public Schools	Food Service Director
53	Ian	Neviaseri	Superintendent Region 18	
54	Joseph	Listro	New Britain ROOTS, Inc	Executive Director
55	Greg	Florio	Capitol Region Education Council (CREC)	Executive Director

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56	Monica	E	All Our Kin	Early Childhood Outdoor
57	Debrow	Giscombe		
58	Tycharmell	Denny		
59	Ann	Pratt	CCAG	
60	Scott	Nicol	Ellington Superintendent	
61	Andre	Salazar	LEAD	Organizer
62	Roland	Bishop	CSEA	Teacher
63	Jammica	Moore	Capital Region Education	Teacher Residency Applicant
64	D Stanley	Lord	Greater Bridgeport NAACP	President
65	Sam	Galloway	Bristol Public Schools	Director of Talent
66	Kate	Field	Connecticut Education Association	Teacher Development Specialist
67	Daniel	Pearson	Educators. for Excellence	State Director
68	Erick	Tamay		
69	Jiff	Martin		
70	Nathan	Estel		
71	Margie	Gillis	Literacy How, Inc.	President
72	Sydney	Clements	Windham Community Food	Coordinator
73	Richard	Velky	Schaghticoke Tribal Nation	Tribal Chief
74	William	McCullough	FaithActs for Education	Founder
75	Denise	Estemil		Paraprofessional
76	shannon	raider		
77	Amy	Dowell	Education Reform Now CT	State Director
78	Jennifer	Barahona	Norwalk ACTS	CEO
79	Subira	Gordon	ConnCAN	Executive Director
80	Nicole	Grant	Regional School District No.	Director of Finance
81	Darlene	Kascak	Institute for American Indian	Education Coordinator
82	Tathiana	Bueno	LEAD	
83	Aram	Ayalon	CCSU	Professor of Education
84	Catherine	Amadasun	BLAC	Assistant Principal
85	Shellye	Davis	Hartford Paraeducators/ AFTCT	President
86	Shannon	Marimon	ReadyCT	Executive Director
87	Kate	Conetta		
88	Norman	Sondheimer	Connecticut Chapter of the Computer Science Teachers	Advocacy Chair
89	Chelsea	Gazillo	Working Lands Alliance	Director

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90	Jim	Williams	American Heart Association	Government Relations Director
91	Roja	Yousuf	Student, Brien McMahon	Member, Leadership Team
92	Valerie	Bryan		
93	Darci	Burns	HILL for Literacy	Executive Director
94	Jacob	Werblow, Ph.D.		Professor, Scholar
95	Jennifer	Jacobsen		
96	olivia	rinkes		
97	Monarae	Chin	CREC	Substitute Teacher
98	Fran	Rabinowitz	CAPSS	
99	Ryan	Kennedy	Brigaid	Chef
100	Tom	Nicholas	Connecticut Education Association	Vice President
101	Maria	Matos	LEAD- Latinos for Educational	Accountant
102	Ushawnda	Mitchell	CREC	Program Coordinator
103	Ivelise	Velazquez	New Haven Public Schools	Assistant Superintendent of

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