

BUILDING EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY WITH GREATER IMPROVEMENT NETWORKS COMMISSION (BERGINC)

Citation: PA 23-167 s.36 as amended by PA 25-67 s.15

Effective Date: 06/23/25

Composition: 40 Members

General Info: The commission may form subcommittees, as necessary, in order to perform its responsibilities. All initial appointments to the commission shall be made not later than 7/28/2023. Additional members added by PA 25-67 s.15 shall be made not later than thirty days after the effective date of this section. The chairpersons shall schedule the first meeting of the commission, which shall be held not later than sixty days after the effective date of this section. The administrative staff of the Education Committee shall serve as administrative staff of the commission. The Department of Education shall comply with all data and information requests made by the commission for purposes of this section.

Chair Info: The Speaker of the House and the Senate President Pro Tempore, or their designees, shall serve as the chairpersons of the commission.

Reporting Requirements: Not later than January 15, 2026, the commission shall submit two reports in accordance with CGS 11-4a. Not later than December 1, 2026, the commission shall submit eight reports, in accordance with the provisions of CGS 11-4a to various recipients including the Education, Appropriations, Public Health, Human Services and Insurance committees, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, and the Commissioner of Education.

Terms: None specified; coterminous under CGS 4-1a. Any vacancy shall be filled by the appointing authority.

Expected Termination: The commission shall terminate on the date that it submits the last report or July 1, 2030, whichever is later.

No.	Auth	Appointer	Specific Qualifications	Appointee	Appt. Date	Term End	Term
1	SPRO	Looney, Martin M	Senate President Pro Tempore, or designee	McCrary, Douglas of Hartford (C)	08/03/23		CO
2	SPRO	Looney, Martin M	a representative of Special Education Equity for Kids	Flanders, John of Cromwell	08/28/25		CO
3	SPRO	Looney, Martin M	a representative of the Center for Children's Advocacy	Knopp, Alex of Norwalk	09/27/23		CO
4	SPRO		a parent of a child receiving special education services in the state				CO
5	SPRO	Looney, Martin M	a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents	Rabinowitz, Frances of Branford	09/22/25		CO
6	SPRO	Looney, Martin M	an individual who may be a member of the General Assembly	Cullinan, Anne Marie of Cheshire	10/28/25		CO
7	SPKH	Ritter, Matthew	Speaker of the House, or designee	Khan, Maryam of (C)	07/19/23		CO
8	SPKH	Ritter, Matthew	a representative of the Connecticut Association of Public School Superintendents	Carbone, Catherine of	09/12/23		CO
9	SPKH	Ritter, Matthew	a representative of the RESC Alliance	Vocca, Sarah of	09/12/23		CO
10	SPKH	Ritter, Matthew	a parent of a child receiving special education services in the state	Rader, Moira of	10/30/25		CO

11	SPKH	Ritter, Matthew	a representative of Disability Rights Connecticut	Cosker, Tom of	10/30/25		CO
12	SPKH	Ritter, Matthew	an individual who may be a member of the General Assembly	Welander, Mary of	10/30/25		CO
13	SMAJ	Duff, Bob	a representative of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut	Blatteau, Leslie of New Haven	11/01/23		CO
14	SMAJ	Duff, Bob	a representative of ConnCAN	Macphail, Hamish of Higganum	10/24/23		CO
15	SMAJ	Duff, Bob	a representative of the School and State Finance Project	Hammersley, Lisa of Southington	09/12/23		CO
16	SMAJ	Duff, Bob	a special education teacher in the state and a member of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut	Fennessy, Sarah of West Hartford	12/05/25		CO
17	SMAJ		a representative of the Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education				CO
18	SMAJ	Duff, Bob	an individual who may be a member of the General Assembly	Leary, Shannon of Simsbury	07/31/25		CO
19	HMAJ	Rojas, Jason	a representative of the Connecticut School Counselor Association	Catucci, Michelle of North Haven	03/22/24		CO
20	HMAJ	Rojas, Jason	a representative of the Connecticut Education Association	Dias, Kathryn of Manchester	12/28/23		CO
21	HMAJ	Rojas, Jason	a representative of the Connecticut Voices for Children	Byrne, Emily of New Haven	09/19/23		CO
22	HMAJ	Rojas, Jason	a parent of a child receiving special education services in the state	Bumgardner, Elizabeth of Groton	10/23/25		CO
23	HMAJ		a special education teacher in the state and a member of the Connecticut Education Association				CO
24	HMAJ	Rojas, Jason	an individual who may be a member of the General Assembly	Leeper, Jennifer of	10/17/25		CO
25	SMIN		a representative of the Connecticut Charter School Association				CO
26	SMIN		Executive Director of an agricultural science and technology education center				CO
27	SMIN	Kelly, Kevin C	a representative of the Connecticut Council of Administrators of Special Education	Turner, Aimee of	07/28/23		CO
28	SMIN	Harding, Stephen	a representative of the Connecticut Association of Private Special Education Facilities	Cyr, Shawn of Hebron	07/28/25		CO
29	SMIN		a special education teacher in the state and a member of the Connecticut Education Association				CO

30	SMIN		an individual who may be a member of the General Assembly				CO
31	HMIN		a representative of the Connecticut Association of School Administrators				CO
32	HMIN		a representative of the Connecticut Association of School Business Officials				CO
33	HMIN	Candelora, Vincent J	a member of a local or regional board of education for an alliance district, in consultation with the Connecticut Association of Boards of Education	Balestracci, Kathleen M B of Guilford	07/25/23		CO
34	HMIN		a parent of a child receiving special education services in the state				CO
35	HMIN		a special education teacher in the state and a member of the American Federation of Teachers-Connecticut				CO
36	HMIN	Candelora, Vincent J	an individual who may be a member of the General Assembly	Courpas, Katherine of Greenwich	11/03/25		CO
37	OTH		Commissioner of Education, or designee				CO
38	OTH	Appointer, Other	Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management, or designee	Demsey, Kathy of	12/04/24		CO
39	OTH	Appointer, Other	a designee of the Commissioner of Education	Gopalakrishnan, Ajit of	07/23/25		CO
40	OTH	Appointer, Other	a designee of the Commissioner of Education	Sone-Moyano, Sinthia of	07/23/25		CO

(C) - denotes chair of the task force