



OUTREACH & ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 15, 2025

Committee Members in Attendance via Electronic Device: Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, Easha Canada, Sheila Hummel, Justin Zartman

Committee Members Absent: Adrienne Cochrane, Molly Weston Williamson

CT Paid Leave Staff in Attendance via Electronic Device: Nancy Barrow, Erin Choquette, Madeline Granato, Stephanie Oliveras, Virginia Rzesutock, Nicole Sanclemente, Jessica Vargas

1. Welcome & Call to Order-

Committee Member, Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. Clerical Assistant, Stephanie Oliveras, took attendance by Roll Call and Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman acknowledged members of the public.

2. Review & Approval of March 20, 2025, Meeting Minutes-

Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman asked the Committee to review the March 20, 2025, meeting minutes and asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Justin Zartman motioned, and Easha Canada seconded that motion. All were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion carried.

3. Legislative Update

Government & Community Relations Manager, Madeline Granato, provided the Legislative Update through a slide presentation and shared that the Authority has been tracking Senate Bill 1427, which was passed in Senate on May 8, 202. This bill will provide benefit access to employees of public and private schools whose positions do not require them to have a certification or license.

Ms. Granato announced a collaboration with Governor Lamont and DECD Commissioner O'Keefe to highlight WalletHub's recent study, which ranked CT as the 2nd best state for working moms.

She also provided and update on the monthly Legislator Newsletter.

The Authority will be attending the upcoming 3rd Annual Mental Health and Wellness Fair at the Capitol on May 20th, hosted by Representative Kai Belton.

4. Outreach & Engagement Updates-

Chief Experience Officer, Jessica Vargas, provided the Outreach & Engagement updates through a slide presentation, which included:

- Recent and Upcoming In-Person Events
- Healthcare Provider Resources/Outreach
- Contact Us Form Redesign
- Community Education Coordinators Update

Engagement Manager, Nancy Barrow, provided an update on the CT Paid Leave Podcasts.

5. Old Business- None

6. New Business- None

7. Adjournment-

Ms. Bermudez Zimmerman asked the Committee for a motion to adjourn. Shelia Hummel motioned, and Mr. Zartman seconded that motion. All were in favor. None opposed. None abstained. The motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:22 a.m.

Meeting Recording Here: <https://youtu.be/xZuGJNj5XXI>

Agenda Attachments:

- *Item 3 - Legislative Update*
- *Item 4- Outreach & Engagement Updates/Podcast Updates*