

**BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGENDA OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE AD HOC ADVOCACY COMMITTEE**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 2026 - 3:00 PM
CITY HALL ROOM 305
45 LYON TERRACE
BRIDGEPORT, CT 06604**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the March 26, 2026 Minutes**
- 4. Public Forum - Discussion on the Following:**
 - a. Planning Agenda for the Meeting with the Bridgeport Legislators on April 18th**
 - b. Other**
 - c. Next Meeting**
- 5. Adjourn**

Thursday, March 26, 2026

MINUTES OF THE ADVOCACY AD HOC COMMITTEE OF THE BRIDGEPORT BOARD OF EDUCATION, held March 26, 2026, at Bridgeport City Hall, 45 Lyon Terrace, Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Board members present were chair Robert Traber, committee member Albert Benejan-Grajales and Maritza Estremera Jimenez.

*remote participation

The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

Mr. Benejan Grajales moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of March 19, 2026. The motion was seconded by Ms. Estremera Jimenez and approved by a 2-0 vote. Voting in favor were members Estremera Jimenez and Benejan Grajales. Mr. Traber abstained.

The public forum portion of the meeting began. Community members also participated in the discussion.

The agenda item was on planning the agenda for the meeting with the legislative delegation to be held on April 18th.

Mr. Traber discussed the options at the state level for getting more money for education.

There was a discussion of plans for the meeting with the delegation.

There was further discussion on the process of advocacy with the state.

It was decided to create a fact sheet.

There was a discussion of the composition of the speaker roster for the session and other plans.

Mr. Benejan Grajales moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Ms. Estremera Jimenez and unanimously approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John McLeod