

# Connecticut State Board of Education

## Hartford

Meeting of September 2, 2026  
9:30 a.m.

450 Columbus Boulevard  
Plaza North Conference Room C & D  
Hartford, CT 06103

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## A G E N D A

### The Board's Four Priorities:

- Ensuring equitable access to education;
- Ensuring safe and healthy learning environments;
- Elevating Connecticut's curriculum frameworks; and
- Creating opportunities for students to explore multiple career pathway options.

Every Student Prepared for Learning, Life, and Work Beyond School:  
The Connecticut State Board of Education's Five-year Comprehensive Plan for Education, 2023-2028

- I. Call to Order
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  - Oath of Office (Shepard Fisher, 2026-27 Student Member)
  - Oath of Office (Shruti Shah, 2026-27 Student Member)
- II. Public Participation
- III. Executive Session
- IV. Consideration of Minutes:
  - A. June 3, 2026, State Board of Education Meeting
  - B. August 5, 2026, Special State Board of Education Meeting
  - C. August 5, 2026, State Board of Education Retreat

V. Report of the Chair

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Academic Standards and Assessment
- B. Accountability and Support
- C. Finance, Audit, and Budget
- D. Legislation and Policy Development
- E. Connecticut Technical Education and Career System Board
- F. Connecticut State Colleges and Universities
- G. NASBE
- H. SERC

VII. Report of the Commissioner with Agency Update

- Fiscal Intervention and Oversight Pursuant to Public Act 26-28
- Update on Hartford Public Schools Fiscal Operations
- Update on Bridgeport Public Schools Action to Address District Needs
- Update on Special Education Systems Review
- State Assessment Results
- Educator Vacancy Update
- Racial Imbalance Study
- Federal Funding Updates
- 2026 Leadership & Innovation Fellowship at America's Youth AI Festival

VIII. Items Requiring Action

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| A. Consideration for Approval of Certification for Rachael DaCunto #042 Art, PreK-12             | Shuana Tucker<br>Kaylan Ricciardi |
| B. Consideration for Approval of Material Change to Odyssey Community Charter School, Manchester | Charles Hewes<br>Melissa Jenkins  |

IX. Financial Matters

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| A. Current Services and Capital Budget Requests for the FY2028 and FY2029 Biennium | Roger Persson<br>Jessica Brunetti |
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X. Consent Agenda (Any item may be removed from the consent agenda at the request of a Board member)

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| A. Continuing Approval of Capital Region Education Council Educator Preparation Programs      | Shuana Tucker<br>Lauren Tafrate |
| B. Appointments to CSDE Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) Program Approval Review Committee | Shuana Tucker<br>Lauren Tafrate |
| C. Approval of 2026-2027 Annual Audit Plan                                                    | Keith Norton                    |

XI. Items for Discussion

Adjourn

**Committee Meeting**

The Legislation and Policy Development Committee **will meet** on September 2, 2026, **1:00 p.m.**

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