

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
EDUCATOR PREPARATION AND CERTIFICATION BOARD

September 14th 2026

Microsoft Teams Event (Virtual)

1:00-4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

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The Board's Purpose:

Pursuant to Public Act 24-41 (2024); Connecticut General Statutes (C.G.S.) §§ 10-150b & 10-150c.

Sec. 10./ C.G.S. § 10-150b (a). There is established the Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board. The board shall be responsible for modernizing and aligning educator preparation and certification to ensure that policies are optimized to attract and retain effective and diverse professionals for employment in the state's public schools.

Sec. 11. (a) / C.G.S. § 10-150c (a). The Connecticut Educator Preparation and Certification Board and the State Board of Education shall each have the authority to develop standards and proposals for regulations and legislation relating to educator preparation and certification.

The Board's Statutory Priorities for 2026:

- Sunsetting Regulations (July 1, 2027)
- Legislative Priorities (2027 Session)

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- I. **Call to Order**
 - II. **Attendance - Roll Call**
 - III. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - A. 8.10.2026 Meeting Minutes
 - IV. **Public Comment/Participation**
 - Virtual Meeting: Any submitted public participation via e-mail will be distributed to the board and made part of the public record.
 - V. **Announcements**
 - A. Administrator Announcements - Karen Colebut
 - B. Board Business - Jen Rodriguez
 1. Education Committee (session updates)
 2. LPDC & SBE
 - VI. **Updates**
 - A. Workforce Connections - Shannon Marimon
 - B. Every Kid Counts - Hamish MacPhail
 - C. Projects:
 1. Education Preparation Program Approval Working Group - CPRL Team
 2. Birth to Grade 3 Cert. Standards/Guidelines Working Group - Paige Bray & Margaret Gustafson
 - VII. **Presentations/Discussion/Q&A -**
 - September - Advocacy & Early Engagement

- Review survey data
- Launch coordinated advocacy
- Begin early engagement:
 - Governor's office
 - Key legislators
- Deploy advocacy tools:
 - 1-page educator pathway graphic
 - Talking points ("educator pipeline = workforce pipeline")
- Gather feedback and make minor refinements only

VIII. Items Requiring Action to Adopt:

- A. Merging of Elementary World Language Instruction and Secondary World Language Endorsements - Michelle Back & Mel Horton
- B. Strengthening Connecticut's Educator Pipeline: Proposed Amendments to the Aspiring Educators Scholarship Program Legislative Language - Jen Rodriguez
- C. Connecticut Educator Workforce Debt-Free College Program - Jen Rodriguez

IX. New Business: Open Discussion - Idea Generation

X. Adjournment

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Access to Building - All visitors must sign in and provide a photo ID to the attendant at the Plaza lobby security desk.

Public Participation (In-Person meetings) - If you wish to speak during public participation and would like the Board to receive a copy of your prepared remarks, please bring 20 copies to the meeting. The sign-up sheet will be available at the entrance of the meeting room until 1:00pm. Each speaker will be limited to three minutes.

Public Participation - via E-mail Submission (Virtual and In-Person meetings) - Submit written communication via email no later than Friday, 3:00 p.m. prior to this agenda's CEPCB meeting. Written communications should be sent to the following email address: sde.certificationboard@ct.gov. All statements submitted for public participation will be filed in the Official File of the meeting in the Board Office. If you intend for your email to be considered public participation, please identify so in the subject of the email. Anonymous emails will not be shared. Please indicate your name and affiliation.