

Interagency Council for Ending the Achievement Gap

Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz, Chair

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

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Meeting Objectives:

- To review progress and updates from the last meeting held on June 17, 2025.
- To examine trends in chronic absence, explore the role of health and partnerships in supporting student attendance and family connectedness, and identify next steps through shared dialogue.

Agenda

- I. Opening Remarks & Roll Call**
The Honorable Susan Bysiewicz, Lieutenant Governor, State of Connecticut
- II. Acceptance of Minutes and Follow-up from Last Meeting Discussion**
June 17, 2025
- III. Chronic Absence Landscape in Connecticut**
Connecticut State Department of Education
- IV. How Agencies Can Support Increased Attendance**
Hedy Chang, Executive Director, Attendance Works, ([bio](#))
Emma Herdean, Senior Fellow, Attendance Works ([bio](#))
- V. Cross-Agency Discussion**
Lieutenant Governor Susan Bysiewicz
- VI. Next Steps**
Review upcoming Meeting Schedule and Suggested Topics (all meetings begin at 1 p.m.)
 - December 16, 2025Follow-up, if necessary
- VII. Closing/Meeting Adjourned**