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AGENDA

State Board of Education
September 10, 2026
1:00 PM

Maine Department of Health and Human Services
109 Capitol St.
Aroostook Room
Augusta ME, 04330
Also, Virtually Via Zoom:

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/84670287197?pwd=IUbnbG14hDekef7ykVakpaam3aF8r.1>

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. VISION STATEMENT

The Vision of the Maine State Board of Education is that all students will receive a high-quality education leading to graduation with the skills, knowledge, and principles to be prepared for future learning, careers, and life.

IV. ADJUSTMENTS TO THE AGENDA -

V. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

August 13th Meeting minutes

August 31st Special Meeting minutes

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT

VIII. STUDENT TRANSFER APPEAL

The Board will meet in executive session to discuss the appeal.
The Board will vote in public session to approve/disapprove the appeal

IX. REPORTS

A. OFFICERS

- Chair
- Vice Chair

B. STANDING COMMITTEES

- School Construction
- Certification and Higher Education

- Career and Technical Education
- Legislative Action
- Student Voices
- Student Membership

C. SPECIAL REPORTS

- Numeracy Advisory Council
- Charter Commission Representatives
- Professional Standards Board Representative
- NASBE

X. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- A.** Final Action Concerning Amendments to Chapter 115
- B.** Final Action Concerning Statement of Factual and Policy Basis and Summary of Comments/Responses Regarding Chapter 115: Part I Standards and Procedures for Credentialing, and Part II Requirements for Specific Certificates and Endorsements
- C.** University of Maine at Presque Isle Educator Preparation Program Review Team
- D.** Recommendation of Northeastern University to the Maine State Legislature for Degree-Granting Authorization at the Master's and Doctoral Degree Levels
- E.** Eastern Maine Community College Educator Preparation Program Review Team
- F. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE BOARDS OF EDUCATION (NASBE) VOTING DELEGATE NASBE's Delegate Assembly Annual Meeting will be virtual on October 30, 2026 (5:00-6:00 PM). At this meeting, the Delegates will consider important business of the Association, including the election of the chair-elect and two at-large representatives to the Nominating Committee**

XII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A.** Expense Account Vouchers
- B.** Other Announcements – School Visits:

* October 8 - UMaine Machias

* November 12 - Mountain Valley Community School, Mexico

* December 10 - Ecology Learning Center, Unity

XIII. ADJOURN

We value inclusion and access for all participants and are pleased to provide reasonable accommodations for this meeting. Please contact Craig Flowers craig.flowers@maine.gov or 207-624-6616 to make a reasonable accommodation request.