



Maine State Board of Education
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AGENDA
State Board of Education
September 11, 2026
1:00 PM
Maine Department of Health and Human Services
109 Capitol St.
Maine A/B Room
Augusta ME, 04330
Also, Virtually Via Zoom:

Membership: <https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/81808829529?pwd=WOqPdhWOgiH7XjI9LCcKHFEiusWC.1>

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8:30-8:50 Arrival

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8:50-9:00 Welcome and Introductions, Chair Paulette Bonneau

9:00-10:00 Zoom meeting with The Honorable, Senator Rick Bennett

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10:00 Theme - **What does the next year look like?**

Guided by:

- reaction to gubernatorial candidates/platforms
- identification of major activities by committee
- beginning of strategic planning for 2027-2032
- legislative actions

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Identification of coming year major activities by committee (Committee chairs should be forewarned that this is their time to prognosticate with their committees and all of us the foci of the upcoming year)

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Career and Technical Education/Ed et al (Perkins and Briggs) (10-10:30 am)

Certification and Higher Ed/Tom et al (10:30-11)

School Construction/Fern et al (11-11:30)

Student Voices/Wendy et al (11:30-12)

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Noon: Lunch

1:00 Legislative Action/Paulette (reactive and proactive) (1-1:30)

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- 1:30 1. Continue Section 405 revision - Vicky/Denham (1:30-2:30 pm)
2. Directions for Professional Standards Board - Denham (2:30-3)
3. Floor open for discussion by members of initiatives, actions, roles of the SBE –Paulette (3-4)
4. Training in SBE Observer role - Tom (4 - 4:15)

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Adjourn

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