



Area Cooperative Educational Services

AGENDA
ACES Governing Board
Thursday, October 8, 2026
12:30pm

In-person Attendees: SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

Virtual Attendees:

<https://aces-org.zoom.us/j/88113975797?pwd=3fMbdxoarN46kecSgLyC8b.1>

- I. **Welcome/Call to Order** – Ms. Susan Riccio
- II. **Pledge of Allegiance -** Ms. Susan Riccio
- III. **Public Participation -**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on September 10, 2026
VOTE
 - b. Approval of minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on September 21, 2026
VOTE
- V. **Executive Director's Report** – Dr. William Rice
 - a. Schools Program Spotighting Mill Rd – Ms. Kerri Gilmore, Principal
 - b. Early Head Start Annual Governing Board Training – Ms. Heather Granja-Nemeth, Director of Early Head Start
 - c. National Principals Month / Mission Moment
 - d. Strategic Positioning, Governmental Relations, and State-Level Engagement
 - e. Superintendent Outreach and Emerging Regional Intelligence
 - f. Communicating the Value of ACES and Connecticut RESCs – Board Discussion
 - g. 370 James Street Community Partnership Initiative
 - h. ACES Foundation and Nonprofit Development
 - i. Design Plan 4.0
 - j. Draft 2026-2027 Executive Director Goals
- VI. **Early Head Start Annual Governing Board Training** – Ms. Heather Granja-Nemeth, Director of Early Head Start
 - a. Federally required annual Governing Board Training

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- VII. **Filing of the Fiscal Report (subject to audit)** – Mr. Martin Rudnick **VOTE**
- VIII. **Approval of Human Capital Development Report** - Ms. Rebecca Cuevas **VOTE**
- IX. **Operations and Early Head Start Update** – Mr. William Grimm **VOTE**
- X. **Schools and Programs Report** – Ms. Michelle Coogan
- XI. **ACES Services & Strategic Development Report** – Mr. Timothy Howes
- XII. **New Business**
ACES Local Schools Wellness Policy (LWSP) – Mr. William Grimm **VOTE**
- XIII. **Announcements**
a. Finance Committee Meeting, November 12, 2026
b. Regular Board Meeting, November 12, 2026 at 12:30pm
- XIV. **Adjournment**
- XV. **Attachments**
a. September 10, 2026 Draft Regular Governing Board Meeting Minutes
b. Fiscal Report
c. Human Capital Development Report
d. Operations and Early Head Start Report
e. Schools and Programs Report
f. Services & Strategic Development Report
g. Early Head Start Annual Training Materials
h. Draft 2026-2027 Executive Director Goals
i. ACES local School Wellness Policy

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