



Area Cooperative Educational Services

**AGENDA**

**ACES Governing Board**

**Thursday, September 10, 2026**

**Noon**

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

**Virtual Attendees:**

**<https://aces-org.zoom.us/j/89093135058?pwd=aavFaO3pAvmsgWwmbUzdCgUoHHPGui.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 June 4, 2026 **VOTE**
  - b. Approval of minutes of the Special Board Meeting held on June 18, 2026 **VOTE**
  - c. Approval of minutes of the Special Governing Board Meeting held on August 6, 2026 **VOTE**
- V. Executive Director's Report** – Dr. William Rice
  - a. **Opening of the 2026-2027 School Year, Convocation, and Attendance Awareness Month**
    - 1. Brief reflection on the opening of the school year.
    - 2. Recognition of September as Attendance Awareness Month and National Workforce Development Month, the importance of consistent attendance, and a save-the-date for the ACES BAC Recognition Dinner to be held on October 21, 2026.
    - 3. Brief reflection on the August 26 Celebration of Us Convocation and Dr. Rice 2.0.
    - 4. Recognition of Rebecca Cuevas, Elaine Sein, Human Capital Development, Marketing, and the staff who planned and supported Convocation.
    - 5. Mission Moment
  - b. **Executive Director Summer Update**
  - c. **Follow-Up from Summer Special Governing Board Meetings**
  - d. **Policy Review and Governing Board Policy Committee**
  - e. **External Engagement and Strategic Partnerships**
  - f. **Executive Office and Governing Board Support Transition**
  - g. **Design Plan 4.0**

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- VI. Filing of the Fiscal Report (subject to audit) – Mr. Thomas Van Stone** **VOTE**
- VII. Approval of Human Capital Development Report - Ms. Rebecca Cuevas** **VOTE**
- VIII. Operations and Early Head Start Update – Mr. William Grimm** **VOTE**
- IX. Schools and Programs Report – Ms. Michelle Coogan**
- X. Services Report – Mr. Timothy Howes**
- XI. New Business**
- a. Possible Action to Approve ACES Early Head Start Continuing Grant Application. **VOTE**
  - b. Possible Action to Establish an ACES Governing Board Policy Committee and Appoint Committee Members. **VOTE**
  - c. Possible Action Regarding Voluntary Donation of Accumulated Sick Leave by PDSI Educational Specialists. **VOTE**
- XII. Old Business**
- a. Possible Action to elect Vice Chair, Fiscal Agent, and Executive Committee Members. **VOTE**
- XIII. Other Business/Announcements**
- a. Finance Committee Meeting, October 8, 2026
  - b. Regular Board Meeting, October 8, 2026, will begin at 12:30 pm
- XIV. Adjournment**
- XV. Attachments**
- a. Design Plan 4.0
  - b. Guidelines for Voluntary Donation of Sick Leave
  - c. 370 James Street Networking Event Flyer

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