



Area Cooperative Educational Services

AGENDA
ACES Governing Board
Thursday, May 14, 2026
Noon
SDA Building, 205 Skiff Street, Hamden, CT

- 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 April 9, 2026 **VOTE**
- V. **Executive Director's Report** – Dr. Thomas Danehy
 - a. FY 2026-2027 Budget Proposals. – Tim Howes
 - 1. The Bridge at ACES
 - 2. Regions: Hartford
 - 3. Regions: Plainville
 - 4. Regions: Hamden
 - 5. Brightwell Academy
 - 6. Network Services
 - 7. Governing Board
 - 8. Executive Director
 - 9. Fiscal Management
 - 10. Human Capital Department
 - 11. Marketing
 - b. ACES Marketing received Honorable Mention in the 2025 Bonnie B. Carney Awards of Excellence for Educational Communications, presented by CABE, in recognition of its social media program.
 - c. 88 Bassett Street School Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.
 - d. ACES Foundation Update.
 - e. 2026-2027 Board Member Leadership Nomination Process.
 - f. ELC Terms of Employment.
 - g. 370 James Street update.

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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** - Dr. William Rice **VOTE**
- IX. **Schools and Programs Report** - Michelle Coogan
- X. **New Business**
 - a. Possible action regarding Executive Leadership Council terms of employment, including the Executive Office Manager. **VOTE**
 - b. Possible action to establish a nominating committee for Board Officers from July 1, 2026, through June 2027, and to appoint a Board Chair, Vice-Chair, Fiscal Chair, and two Executive Committee Members. **VOTE**
 - c. **Granting of Signing Authority**

“That Dr. William Rice, Executive Director, and in his absence or incapacity, Timothy Howes, Deputy Executive Director, be authorized to make, sign, execute, and approve on behalf of the ACES Governing Board all grants/contracts with the State of Connecticut and its agencies, school districts, and municipalities. “This authorization shall remain in force until rescinded by the action of the ACES Governing Board. “ **VOTE**
 - d. Possible action to accept magnet funds from the recently enacted Senate Bill 1, with funds to be deposited into separate accounts for magnet school expenditures only. **VOTE**
 - e. Possible action to accept the FY2026-2027 Budgets. **VOTE**
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XI. Possible Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Stipulated Agreement in Lieu of Student Expulsion VOTE

XII. Other

- a. Finance Committee Meeting, June 4, 2026
- b. Regular Board Meeting, June 4, 2026

XIII. Adjournment

XIV. Attachments

- a. ACES Governing Board Meeting Dates July 2026 – June 2027.
- b. ACES at CHASE was awarded continued candidacy in the New England Association of Schools and Colleges.

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