

Connecticut State Board of Education

Hartford

August Retreat

Thursday, August 20, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Norwich Free Academy

Edwin H. Land Library

(located in the Latham Science and Information Center)

305 Broadway

Norwich, CT 06360

A G E N D A

9:30-9:40 a.m.	Welcome & Review of Retreat Objectives	Erin Benham Charlene Russell-Tucker
	• Continue to build member-to-member and member-to-staff relationships; deepen understanding of collective voice. • Discuss board member roles and opportunities; what is required, what is discretionary, and the rules that apply. • Build board member understanding of the organizational structure of the Department and its alignment with the implementation of the Comprehensive Plan. • Discuss legislative agenda development work, and legislative relationship building.	
9:40-10:10 a.m.	Introductions & Member Relationship Building	Ingrid Canady (SERC)
10:10	Break	
10:20–11:30 a.m.	Board Member Roles and Opportunities	Erin Benham Paolo DeMaria (NASBE)
11:30-12:00 p.m.	Unpacking Ethics and FOIA Requirements	Mike McKeon
12:00-1:00 p.m.	Lunch Break	
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Agency Organizational Structure and Comprehensive Plan Implementation	Charlene Russell-Tucker and CSDE Staff

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2:30–3:00 p.m.	Understanding the Legislative Process: Start to Finish	Laura Stefon
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3:00-3:30 p.m.	Recap and Conclusion
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