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Spring 2023 Legislative Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, March 13th 2023 Lasell University (Room 110) or Zoom

Agenda

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. Breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. Introduction to the LAC and NEBHE Updates

Representative Rebecca Millett, Maine | Co-Chair, Legislative Advisory Committee

Senator David Watters, New Hampshire | Co-Chair, Legislative Advisory Committee

Dr. Michael K. Thomas | President, New England Board of Higher Education

9:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. *Higher Ed to Hired: Regional Highlights and Ideas for the Future*

Enrollment and confidence in postsecondary education after high school is falling. Attractive opportunities without a postsecondary credential seem possible at the moment, particularly in a “gig” economy, however may not be sustainable. How do we reinforce the long-term benefits of postsecondary education, especially for those communities for which this could make generational change? Computer Science, Education, Engineering, Nursing can provide an obvious link between education and career options, how about other programs? Providing clear pathways to opportunities for the broad array of academic programs and career fields is critical to addressing issues of college enrollment, addressing local and regional workforce needs, and in general the long-term success for generations of New Englanders to come. New England states have established and are developing programs and pathways of this nature, including through state legislatures. In this LAC we’ll share highlights of postsecondary and workforce connections in the New England region, as well as ideas and developments outside the northeast.

9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Panelist Introductions

Members of the panel will briefly introduce themselves and their relationship to the panel topic.

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Q&A

Committee members will have the opportunity to ask the panelists questions.



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Moderator: Jared B. Abdirkin | Director State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), NEBHE

Panelists:

Frank Avery | Program Officer, Good Jobs Challenge, U.S. Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration

Dr. Shannon Gilkey | Rhode Island Commissioner on Postsecondary Education

Joyce Judy | President, Community College of Vermont

Mark Rubinstein | Chancellor, Community College System of New Hampshire

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. Break

10:45 – 12:00 p.m. State Highlights and Topical Discussion

LAC members share session updates related to higher education legislation and key policy issues, as well as higher education budget priorities and challenges in their states. Opportunity for interaction between members.

Moderator: Dr. Katie Singer | Director of Policy & Research, NEBHE

Grace Moore | Intern Policy & Research, NEBHE, Brown University '25

State Updates: Priorities for Your Legislative Sessions

Recommended discussion topics by LAC members

LAC Orientation

New Member Recruitment

12:00 p.m. Adjourn