

Spring 2021 Legislative Advisory Committee Meeting
Friday, March 19, 2021
Via Zoom Video Conference

Agenda

8:45 – 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Sign On to Video Conference

Dial-in:

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9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. NEBHE Updates

9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. The Risk of a “Lost COVID Cohort”: Mitigating a COVID-19 Postsecondary Transition Slide Due to K-12 School Closures and Learning Loss

At its peak, the COVID-19 pandemic forced 55 million American children temporarily out of school. While many education systems have attempted varying degrees of remote learning, many researchers accept that the closures will produce substantial losses in learning ([World Bank, 2020](#); [Kuhfeld et al., 2020](#)). A serious concern is that these short-term learning losses could continue to accumulate long after children return to school, resulting in large and permanent learning losses as many students who fall behind during school closures never catch up. Particularly at risk are students of color and those from low-income backgrounds. Voices in the field are sounding the alarm on the potential long-term effects of the pandemic on the high school to college pipeline and the need to take quick, thoughtful action now to prevent a “lost COVID cohort.” A panel of experts will explore the implications of a COVID-19 postsecondary transitions slide and share legislative strategies for keeping New England’s students on track to higher education enrollment, attainment, and economic mobility.

Moderator:

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

Speakers:

Supporting Instructors to Meet Student Needs

Dr. Monica Martinez | Director of Strategic Initiatives, Learning Policy Institute

On-the-ground Perspective and Equity

Angélica Infante-Green | Rhode Island Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education; Co-author, “English Learners Are Left Out of the Conversation About Educational Equity. It’s Time for That to Change”

Key Considerations for Higher Education

Ryan Reyna | Senior Director, Education Strategy Group; Author, [intervention playbook](#)

10:00 – 10:20 a.m.

Q&A

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

Moderator:

Representative Rebecca Millett

10:20 – 10:50 a.m.

State Updates: Priorities for Your Legislative Sessions

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.

Moderator:

Senator David Watters | Co-chair, Legislative Advisory Committee

10:50 a.m.

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