

# 2024 Fall Meeting of the SREB Legislative Advisory Council

Kimpton Tryon Park Hotel  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 20–22

## Agenda

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### Friday, September 20

6 p.m.                      *Reception and Dinner*  
Ithaca Pre Function & Ithaca

### Saturday, September 21

7:30-8:30 a.m.        *Breakfast*  
Ithaca

*All program sessions are in Medley*

Presiding:

*Senator Beth Mizell, Louisiana, SREB Legislative Advisory  
Council Chair*

*Senator Jay Chaudhuri, North Carolina, SREB Legislative  
Advisory Council Vice Chair*

8:30-9:30 a.m.        State Roundtable on Upcoming Issues  
Attendees will share the issues on the top of the education agenda  
in their 2025 legislative sessions.

*Moderator: Lee Posey, SREB*

9:30-10:15 a.m.      GEORGIA MATCH  
GEORGIA MATCH is one of the largest state-run direct college  
admissions initiatives, guaranteeing students a place at state  
colleges and universities they are academically qualified to  
attend. Learn how GEORGIA MATCH is encouraging more  
students to attend college and helping the state develop a better-  
qualified workforce.

*Chris Green, Georgia Student Finance Commission*

- 10:15-10:30 a.m. *Midmorning Break*
- 10:30-Noon School Finance: Creating the Will for Change  
Mississippi made changes in its school funding formula this past session and Alabama hopes to do so next year. Learn about efforts to build buy in for changes.  
*Moderator: Lee Posey, SREB*
- Noon-1 p.m. *Lunch*  
Ithaca
- 1-2:30 p.m. Family Literacy: A Multigenerational Approach to Improving Education and Economic Outcomes  
Join the National Center for Families Learning for an in-depth discussion about family literacy as a part of a state's approach to improving literacy. Learn how the programs are designed and implemented, and about the ways in which public resources from early care and education, K-12, and adult education can be leveraged to support comprehensive family literacy programming.  
*Anna Kaiper-Marquez, National Center for Families Learning*  
*Tony Payton, National Center for Families Learning*  
*David Sisk, National Center for Families Learning*
- 2:30-2:45 a.m. *Afternoon Break*
- 2:45-4 p.m. Career Pathways Connecting Education and the Workforce  
Career pathways connect elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education with work-based learning and real work applications. Clearly defined career pathways help students and adult learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to make successful transitions. This session will focus on work in two states to develop seamless pathways that align local workforce needs and to identify credentials that are valued by business and industry.  
*Dale Winkler, SREB*
- 6 p.m. *Reception and Dinner*  
Merchant & Trade Rooftop Restaurant (19<sup>th</sup> Floor)

## Sunday, September 22

7:30-8:30 a.m.      *Breakfast*  
*Ithaca*

Presiding:

*Senator Beth Mizell, Louisiana, SREB Legislative Advisory Council Chair*

*Senator Jay Chaudhuri, North Carolina, SREB Legislative Advisory Council Vice Chair*

8:30-10 a.m.      *Navigating AI in Education: Considerations for Policy Development and Educator Support*

Engage in an exploration of current AI tools and identify the key skills needed for an AI-ready workforce, discuss how those skills can be integrated into state education and workforce systems, and outline the support educators will need. We also will examine the first policy recommendations from SREB's Commission on Artificial Intelligence in Education, focusing on AI skill development and support for current and pre-service teachers.

*Representative Jeff Bradley, South Carolina*

*Ivy Coburn, SREB*

*Jeff Gagne, SREB*

10-10:15 a.m.      *Midmorning Break (hotel checkout)*

10:15-10:45 a.m.      *Key Practices that Support Postsecondary Student Success*

SREB's Student Success framework consists of key practices at the K-12, postsecondary and state policymaker levels across the four pillars that are the foundation of the framework – access, attainment, persistence and retention. Give your feedback on the framework as SREB prepares to finalize it as we discuss innovative ways states are supporting students.

*Jeffrey Grove, SREB*

*Harriette Scott, SREB*

10:45-11:30 a.m.

Priorities and Direction for SREB

This discussion led by SREB President Stephen Pruitt will help the LAC shape SREB's work and its strategic priorities for the upcoming year and beyond. Bring topics you want to discuss, thoughts you have during the meeting and provide critical input.

*Moderator: Stephen Pruitt, SREB*

11:30 a.m.

*Meeting Adjournment*

*Lunch Available in Ithaca*