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Stephen Wright Completes Comprehensive State Board of Education Member Orientation

Arlington, VA — Stephen Wright, a member of the Connecticut State Board of Education and resident of Trumbull, completed three days' of intensive training to help new board members become highly effective state education policymakers. The training was provided by the National Association of State Boards of Education (NASBE).

Wright joined state board members from 20 states and territories in sessions that covered basic boardsmanship issues such as the responsibilities of boards and their members, the sequence of policy development, and using Robert's Rules of Order, as well as more advanced subjects such as how to provide effective state leadership through board actions.

"State board members who are well-informed and empowered are critical to the successful development and application of education policy and standards at the state level," said NASBE Executive Director Brenda Welburn. "We laud the efforts of these volunteer leaders, who give their time, energy, and expertise to their states, and we work to support them not only at the outset of their education policymaking careers, but throughout their service."

State boards of education are the embodiment of the American tradition of citizen involvement and authority over public education. State boards are responsible for setting statewide educational standards, including high school graduation requirements, teacher professional qualifications, and establishing statewide testing programs.

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