

The Special Meeting of the New London Board of Education was held on December 1, 2025 in the New London Public Schools' Welcome Center.

1. Call to Order

President Maynard-Adams called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Present for the Board of Education: President – Elaine Maynard-Adams
Vice-President – Karen Bergin
Secretary – Scott Garbini

Board Members Present: Rebecca Amanti
Nanci DeRobbio
Susan Hambey
Richard Martin

Present for the administration: Dr. Cynthia Ritchie, *Superintendent of Schools*
Ms. Kristea Francolino – *Manager of Executive Support Services*

2. New Board Member Training Session presented by CABE (Connecticut Association of Boards of Education)

The Board of Education was led in their training by Patrice McCarthy, Executive Director and General Counsel for CABE. She reviewed the following topics with the Board for their training:

- Board Member Roles and Responsibilities – Statutory Requirements & Legal Issues
 - Constitutional Basis for Education in the State
 - Authority of the Board
 - The Role of the Board in Evaluation
 - Role of the Board Member as Adjudicator
 - Indemnification of Board of Education Members
 - The Role of the Board of Education with Respect to Funding
 - Board Members Advocacy Role
 - Board Meetings

3. Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Garbini, seconded by Ms. Maynard-Adams, to adjourn the meeting.

Motion carried, 7-0

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott S. Garbini
Secretary, New London Board of Education