

2023 Fall Meeting of the SREB Legislative Advisory Council

DoubleTree Nashville Downtown
Nashville, Tennessee
September 22–24

Agenda

Friday, September 22

5:30-7:30 p.m. *Reception and dinner offsite*
Puckett's Backstage
500 Church Street (5 minute walk from hotel)

Saturday, September 23

7:30-8:30 a.m. *Breakfast*
Hartman Gallery

8:45-Noon **Sessions** (all meeting sessions are in the Tennessee Ballroom)

8:45-9:30 a.m. Mississippi Reading Progress: Miracle or Staying the Course?
Learn about Mississippi's reform initiatives in both literacy and math, and the partnership between the Mississippi Department of Education, the Legislature, and statewide policymakers.

Speaker: Carey Wright, former Mississippi State Superintendent of Education

9:30-10:45 a.m. State Literacy and Numeracy Plans
The Tennessee Literacy Success Act, approved in a special legislative session on education in 2021, laid a policy foundation of students building strong reading skills grounded in phonics and supporting educators with training and resources to provide strong literacy instruction. The plan requires every district to use phonics-based literacy skills and provide a universal reading screener.

Panel Discussion on Supporting Numeracy

Alabama and West Virginia passed legislation focused on improving student numeracy. Learn more about how states can support students learning foundational math skills.

Speakers: Representative Alan Baker, Alabama
Senator Bob Plymale, West Virginia

10:45-11:00 a.m.

Break
Tennessee Foyer

11:00-Noon

STEM — Part of the Picture

The South's workforce of the future is transitioning from STEM as a growing need to a foundational need as we move toward a STEM-based economy. Our activity in this session will demonstrate how STEM instruction can be improved to better prepare students for this type of workforce.

Speaker: Stephen Pruitt, President, SREB

Noon-1:00 p.m.

Lunch
Hartman Gallery

1:00-3:00 p.m.

Sessions (all meeting sessions are in the Tennessee Ballroom)

1:00-2:15 p.m.

Literacy and Numeracy Levels for Careers

This session will discuss the levels of literacy in the adult workforce and examine how West Virginia is quantifying career preparedness. West Virginia used the Lexile® and Quantile® frameworks to examine how middle school students are meeting the math and reading demands of the fastest growing career fields. Leaders from West Virginia and MetaMetrics will share insight and information about the process and their partnership, and how it could add value to policy discussions involving policymakers, employers, educators and families.

Speakers: Stephen Pruitt, President, SREB
Jillian Balow, Chief Client Relations Officer,
MetaMetrics, Inc.
Jonathan Rollins, Data Analysis and Research
Coordinator, West Virginia Department of Education

- 2:15-3:00 p.m. Literacy Strategies for the Teacher Workforce
 SREB’s Powerful Instructional Practices engage teachers in designing lessons, assignments and assessments that empower students to take ownership of their learning and reach new heights of achievement in every content area. This session will focus on how alternatively certified teachers of mathematics, science, and career and technical education are learning to implement literacy instructional practices.
- Speakers: Quinton Granville, Instructional Coach, SREB
 Connie Lester, Leadership Coach, SREB
 Bob Stokes, Director of State and District Partnerships, SREB
- 3:00-3:30 p.m. Gather in lobby for short walk to the Tennessee State Capitol
- 3:30-4:15 p.m. Tennessee State Capitol Tour**
- 6:00 pm. *Reception and dinner at hotel*
 Hartman Gallery

Sunday, September 24

- 7:30-8:30 a.m. *Breakfast*
 Hartman Gallery
- 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sessions**
- 8:30-9:45 a.m. Roundtable on Hot Topics for the 2024 Session
 This session is an opportunity to discuss the education issues your legislature will face in the upcoming session.
- 9:45-10:00 a.m. *Break (hotel checkout)*
- 10:00-11:00 a.m. A Look at the Data: State Progress Reports
 Take a closer look at several key data points that present challenges for SREB states moving forward.
- Speaker: Jeff Gagne, Director, Policy Analysis, SREB
- 11:00-11:30 a.m. Update on new SREB Initiatives
 Learn about upcoming SREB work on critical education issues, including the upcoming Artificial Intelligence Commission.
- Speaker: Stephen Pruitt, President, SREB
- 11:30 a.m. *Meeting adjourns, lunch available, Hartman Gallery*