



Regional Advisory Board Meeting Agenda

Date: November 7

Time: 11:45 AM – 1:45 PM

Location: Windham Regional Career Center, 80 Atwood Street, Brattleboro, VT

Meeting Purpose

To reimagine and revitalize the Regional Advisory Board (RAB) as a dynamic partnership between the Windham Regional Career Center, educators, and local employers, strengthening the connection between CTE education, workforce preparation, and the regional economy.

Agenda

11:45 – 12:00 | Welcome & Lunch (Featuring Guildford Country Store)

- Informal networking as attendees arrive.
- Overview of meeting goals and context.
- Quick introductions (name, role, organization).

12:00 – 12:30 | The Economic Landscape

Presenter: Brattleboro Development Credit Corporation

- Brief overview of regional economic trends and workforce data.
- Discussion: How do these trends affect our local schools and employers?

12:30 – 12:45 | Listening to Local Business Needs

- Open discussion:
 - What are employers' biggest challenges in hiring young workers?
 - What hard and soft skills are most needed?
 - Where are the current gaps between education and readiness?

12:45 – 1:15 | Breakout Sessions – Building the Bridge

Small groups mixing instructors and business representatives

- Explore ways to strengthen school-to-work pipelines
 - How do we help students secure jobs in the community after graduation?
- Brainstorm collaborations and hands-on learning opportunities that already exist or need to be created/actualized.

1:15 – 1:45 | Wrap-Up & Next Steps

- Share key takeaways from breakouts.
- Summarize action items and follow-up plan.
- Identify short-term initiatives that show progress by the next meeting.
- Next meeting dates:
 - January 23 - 11:45 - 1:45 at WRCC
 - March 12 - 11:45 - 1:45 at WRCC
 - May 8 - Time and Location TBD (end of year wrap-up and celebration)