



MAVA Spring 2026 General Membership Meeting
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, 181 Boston Post Road West, Marlborough, MA 01752
Wednesday, March 18, 2026

AGENDA

1:30 PM MAVA Board of Directors' Meeting – Seminar Room

3:00 PM Registration for MAVA General Membership Meeting – Ballroom Foyer

3:30 PM Start of General Membership Meeting – Salon ABC

Greetings by MAVA President Aaron L. Polansky
Introduction of New Administrators from MAVA Schools

Brief Remarks from Event Sponsor: Michael Davey, President, Energy Efficient Investments, Inc. (EEI)

3:45 PM Presentation: "Innovative, High-Quality Chapter 74 Expansion: The Pathfinder Tech Model." This presentation will be led by Superintendent Eric Duda of Pathfinder Regional Vocational Technical High School in Palmer and will highlight how Pathfinder Tech is expanding access to career and technical education by adding more than 150 new Chapter 74 vocational seats through the planned repurposing of an elementary school in a member community. The school is currently operational but scheduled for closure. The session will examine how this collaborative approach supports a local municipality financially, leverages state resources, and involves close cooperation with local and state leaders.

4:10 PM End General Membership Meeting. Move to First Breakout Session.
Note: Sessions 1A and 1B will run simultaneously.

4:10-4:45 PM Session 1A: "The New World of Vocational Admissions: Lessons We've Learned." This discussion will be led by President Aaron Polansky and the MAVA Officers on what we've learned so far – what's gone right, what's gone wrong, and what's still unclear about admissions policies, admissions lotteries, and middle school access policies intended to improve access to students in the middle schools in our member cities and towns. – Seminar Room

Session 1B: College, Career, and Technical Education (CCTE) Update from the State. This is a presentation by Nicole M. Smith, Director of DESE's Office of College, Career and Technical Education and CCTE team members. The CCTE team will share updates and gather input on a wide range of timely topics including MyCAP, work-based

learning, and curriculum frameworks implementation. Team members will also address questions from attendees. – **Marlborough Room**

4:45 PM **Move to Second Breakout Session**

Note: Sessions 2A, 2B, and 2C will run simultaneously.

4:45–5:30 PM **Session 2A: “Powering Education with Clean Energy: A Geothermal Project in Practice.”** Energy Efficient Investments, Inc. (EEI) is an Energy Service Company based in New England, providing Energy Performance Contracting, renewable energy, and design build solutions for schools and municipalities. EEI President Michael Davey and Vice President Kerri Warms will share details about a geothermal energy project the firm recently completed at Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School in Danvers. They will explain how this innovative project is expanding educational opportunities for vocational school students, saving energy costs for the school, and reducing the school’s carbon footprint. They will discuss how you and your school could undertake a similar project. EEI is a sponsor of the Spring 2026 General Membership Meeting. – **Seminar Room**

Session 2B: “What’s the Latest on State Graduation Requirements?” This discussion will be led by Dr. Denise Pigeon, Superintendent of Nashoba Valley Technical High School, and other MAVA Officers. Dr. Pigeon serves as MAVA’s representative on the State Graduation Council, a group created by the Governor to offer its advice on graduation requirements to replace the MCAS exam. – **Duchess Room**

Session 2C: Meetings of MAVA Leadership Groups

- Academic Coordinators – **Sterling Room**
- Admissions Directors and School Counselors/Guidance Directors (joint meeting) – **Hudson Room**
- Assistant Principals – **Sudbury Room**
- Co-Op Coordinators – **Westborough Room**
- Educational Technology Directors – **Princess Room**
- Facility Directors – **Wayland Room**
- Finance Administrators – **Corporate Room**
- HR – **Weston Room**
- Post-Secondary Technical Institute Directors – **Executive Room**
- Principals – **Southborough Room**
- Special Education Administrators – **Boxborough Room**
- Vocational Directors and Comprehensive High School CTE Directors (joint meeting) – **Marlborough Room**

5:30 PM

Buffet Dinner

Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and cookies courtesy of Energy Efficient Investments, Inc.

6:00 PM

Networking

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