



**MAVA General Membership Meeting
Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel, Marlborough, MA
Thursday, October 22, 2026**

AGENDA

Warmup

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

The Main Event

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

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

Opening Remarks by MAVA President Dr. Karen M. Maguire, Superintendent, Tri-County Regional Vocational Technical High School in Franklin, MA

Introduction of Officers, Dignitaries, and New Administrators in MAVA Schools

3:45 PM **A High-Level Look at Proposed New MAVA Legislative Goals** – Atty. Anthony Abdelahad, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Ventry Associates

4:00 PM **Presentation of the Third Annual Charles H. "Charlie" Lyons Award.** This award was established by the MAVA Board of Directors to honor the memory of Mr. Lyons and to recognize a legislator or leader for tireless advocacy for vocational technical education in Massachusetts and for commitment to its continued advancement and improvement.

About the Lyons Award

Steven C. Sharek, MAVA Executive Director

Remarks About the Award Recipient

Dr. Karen M. Maguire, MAVA President

Formal Presentation of the Award

MAVA Officers and Executive Director

Remarks by the Award Recipient

State Senator Paul R. Feeney (D-Foxborough), Assistant Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Financial Services

4:20 PM **Move to First Breakout Session**

Note: Sessions 1A and 1B run simultaneously.

4:25-4:55 PM **Session 1A: Taking a Deeper Dive into MAVA's Legislative Goals.** This is a further discussion open only to full-time administrators working at MAVA member schools. In this session, school officials will have an opportunity to learn more about the MAVA Legislative Agenda outlined at the General Session by Atty. Anthony Abdelahad, Senior Vice President and General Counsel at Ventry Associates. Atty. Abdelahad and MAVA President Dr. Karen Maguire will go into greater detail on what legislative and regulatory changes the Association will be seeking during the upcoming session of the Massachusetts Legislature, and strategies for achieving success. – **Seminar Room**

Session 1B: CTE Update from the State. Presentation by Nicole M. Smith, Associate Commissioner of DESE's Office of College, Career and Technical Education, and staff of the Office of College, Career and Technical Education. Learn the latest on a wide range of timely topics including MyCAP, new program approval, and curriculum frameworks implementation. The DESE staff also will field questions from MAVA teachers and administrators. – **Marlborough Room**

4:55–5:25 PM **Move to Second Breakout Session**

Note: Sessions 2A and 2B run simultaneously.

Session 2A: 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**
- Human Resource (HR) Directors – **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**

Section 2B: Latest News on the Career Technical Initiatives (CTI) Program.

Presentation by Massachusetts Assistant Secretary for Career Education Robert "Bob" LePage, Commonwealth Corporation's Career Technical Initiative Director Rainer Haarbush, and other CommCorp officials. Learn the latest on CTI and its future, including the prospect of Workforce Pell. – **Seminar Room**

5:25 PM **Dinner – Salon ABC**

6:00 PM **Networking**