

**Connecticut Society of Civil Engineers Section of American Society of Civil Engineers
(CSCE) Board Virtual Meeting via Teams
August 21, 2026 – 12 p.m. - Meeting Minutes**



The conference call/meeting began at 12:00 p.m. The following people were in attendance on the call and the following topics were discussed:

Eric Hoyt, CSCE President	Hannah Rakowski, Chair of SEI-CT Chapter
Byungik Chang, CSCE President-Elect	Sanjeev Mohan, Vice-Chair of the SEI-CT Chapter
Jodi Constant, CSCE Vice President	Jim Sime, CSCE Scholarship Committee Chair
Rich Cohen, CSCE Director II & ASCE Region 1 Governor (NJ Section)	Amy Petrone, CSCE Administrative Assistant

1. Report from Region 1 of ASCE - Region 1 Governor Rich Cohen
 - 1.1 October 18-19 (Sun-Mon) Presidents and Governors Forum (PGF) and Leader Orientation (LO) for new Governors is at ASCE Headquarters in Reston, VA – Eric Hoyt may attend this event. ASCE doesn't cover the travel costs for people attending the forum, but CSCE would consider covering the costs of 1-2 Board members who would be interested in attending it.
 - 1.2 Rich Cohen sent a registration/hotel link to the CSCE Board for the ASCE Region 1 Fall Assembly in RI on September 25-26, 2026. The Assembly will include an update from CSCE and student chapters. So, CSCE should send 5 slides with its latest activities/initiatives to Region 1 Governor Aaron Foster by September 18, 2026.
 - 1.3 ASCE will begin promoting its March 2-27 ASCE Conference in Philadelphia soon.
2. CSCE Board - Review/Approve CSCE Board Conference Call Minutes from CSCE Board Meetings on July 17, 2026 – Since there was no quorum on the call, no vote was taken.
3. 2026-27 CSCE In-Person Monthly Dinner Meetings and Webinars
 - 3.1 Upcoming Dinner Meetings
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October 28th meeting at UConn – At the request of UConn, CSCE changed the date of this meeting from October 21st to October 28th.

January 27th meeting at the University of Hartford – The presentation at this meeting still needs to be finalized. To date, the options are a presentation on a new program on the history of Connecticut's historic movable railroad bridges by University of Hartford Professor David Jacobs, a presentation by UConn Professor Ramesha Malla or a presentation by WSP. Jodi Constant will confirm the topic offered by the speakers from WSP by next week.

February 2027 meeting at UNH – CSCE will reach out to UNH at the beginning of September to reserve a room for this meeting. The first-choice date is February 17th followed by February 10th.

March 2027 meeting at CCSU – CSCE will reach out to CTDOT at the beginning of September to determine if the CTDOT Commissioner can give a presentation at this meeting, which is scheduled for either March 10 or 24.

March 3, 2027 – Fairfield County Branch CSCE Dinner Meeting - Vince Siefert and Russell Jeck of GZA will give a presentation on the Old Lyme Amtrak Bridge at Two Roads Brewing in Stratford, CT.

April 14, 2027 meeting at the USCGA - The presentation at this meeting still needs to be finalized. One possibility is a presentation on the Gold Star Bridge project by GM2 Associates and another is a presentation on engineers using AI by a

presenter like Mike Giacco at Atane. Amy Petrone will ask Tyler Parker if he has been able to line up a speaker from GM2 Associates for this meeting and will contact Mike Giacco to see if he would like to give a presentation either at this meeting or at a future webinar/dinner meeting.

3.2 Webinars

3.2.1 Scheduled Webinars:

- Joint CSCE/COMTO Webinar on Bus Shelter Enhancement Program on September 9th at 12 p.m. - 1 NYS PDH
- Ethics Webinar by David Williams on October 7th at 12 p.m. – 90 minutes long – 1.5 NYS PDHs
- Assessing Risk of Structure damage over Abandoned Coal Mines by UES at 12 p.m. on November 13th – 1 NYS PDH
- How to be an Expert Witness webinar by David Williams on February 3, 2027, at 12 p.m. – 90 minutes long – 1.5 NYS PDHs

3.2.2 Potential Webinar Topics/Presentations: Sustainability, Multi-modal Transportation, Construction - United Precast / National Precast Concrete Association of America, and Utility Infrastructure, DOT automated work zones, CHA projects, presentation by David Jacobs, presentation by Ramesh Malla. Amy Petrone will reach out to potential speakers on these topics to gauge their interest in giving a webinar presentation in 2026-27.

4. Reports from Executive Board Members/Younger Members Group/Technical Group/Institute/Committee Chairs/Fairfield County Branch

4.1 Treasurer – Past CSCE Treasurer Jodi Constant provided CSCE’s checking account balance. She also shared that WSP is interested in being a 2026-27 CSCE Annual Sponsor. CHA is also interested in being a CSCE Annual Sponsor and Hannah Rakowski will check with WJE about becoming a 2026-27 CSCE Annual Sponsor too.

4.2 History & Heritage Committee – Historical Documents scanning status update from Randy States: The books are getting scanned this month and are expected to be complete mid-September. After receiving the book scans, he will subdivide the files by article. The book scans will be accessible while he does the follow up work.

4.3 Fairfield County Branch

4.3.1 Social – August 13 at 5:30 p.m. at Two Roads – Eric Hoyt was among the 15-20 people who attended this great event.

4.3.2 The next Social is scheduled for Thursday, October 29th, at Elicit Brewing in Fairfield, CT.

4.4 GEO-CT Valley Chapter – The Chapter’s next event is the GEO-CT Conference in Rocky Hill, CT, on October 2, 2026.

4.5 SEI-CT Chapter

4.5.1 The November 6th SEI-CT Seminar will be held at The Mountain Room @ Mount Southington, in Southington, CT.

4.5.2 Budget Request – The Chapter submitted a budget request. To help CSCE review it, Hannah Rakowski will send last year’s budget to the Board. Jodi Constant will start a vote via email on this budget request.

4.6 2026 CSCE Infrastructure Report Card Committee Report – This Committee is still looking for section authors, especially a dam infrastructure section author. Massachusetts just published its Infrastructure Report Card that included a section on dams. Jodi Constant may have co-workers at WSP who would be interested in writing about dam infrastructure. She will check with them. Monty Du at WSP is interested in authoring a section on tunnels.

To move forward with the CT Infrastructure Report Card, a tentative kick-off meeting can be held in October. It is anticipated to be an 8–10-month process to produce the Report Card.

4.7 4.8 Younger Members Group – The CSCE Board will review/approve YMG items as they are submitted and revisit the YMG budget in October. Three YMs (Michael Ciacciarella, Shreyans Surana, and Muhammad Salman Ali) are currently attending the Younger Member Leadership Symposium (YMLS) in Virginia.

With no more business to discuss, Eric Hoyt made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:56 p.m. Jodi Constant seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Next CSCE Board meeting/call: Friday, September 18, 2026, at 12 p.m. Noon via Teams