



## New York State Council on Hunger and Food Policy

### AGENDA

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

**Mission:** The New York State Council on Hunger and Food Policy (CHFP) convenes to provide state policymakers with expertise on how to address food security and improve access to healthy, locally grown food for New York State residents.

#### Meeting Locations:

1. 10B Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12235, Orchard Conference Room
  - a. Online at: <https://meetny-gov.webex.com/meetny-gov/j.php?MTID=mede2895ab4327322edaf6d0cb440b826>
  - b. Webinar number: 2823 243 8491
  - c. Webinar password: CHFP2025! (24372025 when dialing from a phone or video system)

**Note:** The public must register to attend. Please use the following link to register and follow the join instructions in the confirmation email: <https://meetny-gov.webex.com/weblink/register/r88a886b1f4e722e434bc8d06072ec6f4>

#### 10:00 AM Welcome & Member Updates

*Kate Fullam, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

#### 10:05 AM Opening Remarks

*Commissioner Richard A. Ball, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

#### 10:10 AM Federal Policy Update & Discussion

*Lauren Williams, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

1. **Presentation:** Projected Impacts of Federal Policy Shifts in New York (10 min)
2. **Discussion:** Critical Food Security Issues Across New York (10 min)
  - *What food system challenges do you anticipate in the next 6 months?*
  - *Are there ideas or opportunities surfacing to address challenges?*
  - *What food policy recommendations might help address current and anticipated challenges?*

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**10:30 AM Economic Vitality (EV) Workgroup**

*Work Group Lead: Julie Suarez, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*

1. **Presentation:** 2025 Work Group Accomplishments (5 min)
2. **Presentation:** Cornell CALS: The Land Grant University (10 min)  
*Julie Suarez, Cornell University College of Agriculture and Life Sciences*
3. **Discussion:** New Recommendations (10 min)

**11:00 AM Food as Medicine (FAM) Workgroup**

*Work Group Lead: Ellie Wilson, MS, RDN, CDN, Northeast Shared Services*

1. **Presentation:** 2025 Work Group Accomplishments (5 min)
2. **Presentation:** The Future of Nutrition Education in New York (10 min)  
*Shayna M. Russo, SNAP-Ed New York*
3. **Discussion:** New Recommendations (10 min)

**11:30 AM BREAK**

**11:45 AM Food Assistance Networks (FAN) Workgroup**

*Work Group Lead: Natasha Pernicka, Alliance for a Hunger Free NY, Food Pantries for the Capital District*

1. **Presentation:** 2025 Work Group Accomplishments (5 min)
2. **Presentation:** An Overview of the Emergency Food Assistance Program (10 min)  
*Nicholas Barber, NYS Office of General Services*
3. **Discussion:** New Recommendations (10 min)

**12:15 PM Food Access Programs (FAP) Workgroup**

*Work Group Lead: Krista Hesdorfer, Hunger Solutions NY*

1. **Presentation:** 2025 Work Group Accomplishments (5 min)
2. **Presentation:** Ensuring Equity & Dignity for New Americans (10 min)  
*Elizabeth Hradil, NYS Department of State, Office of New Americans*
3. **Discussion:** New Recommendations (10 min)

**12:45 PM Next Steps**

*Kendall Hough, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

**12:50 PM Closing Remarks**

*Commissioner Richard A. Ball, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets*

**1:00 PM Adjourn**