

2022 Meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board and

70th Annual Legislative Work Conference

June 25-27, 2022 • Ritz-Carlton Atlanta • Atlanta, Georgia

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Agenda

Saturday, June 25

11 a.m-5 p.m. **Registration** (Grand Ballroom Pre-Function Area)

GENERAL SESSIONS

All general sessions are in the Grand Ballroom on the Lower Level

Presiding: Felicia Cumings Smith, President, National Center for Families Learning, Kentucky, and SREB Vice Chair

Mamie Locke, Virginia State Senator and Chair, SREB Legislative Advisory Council

3-3:45 p.m. **Welcome and State of the States Report**

Stephen Pruitt, President, SREB

3:45-5:30 p.m. **The Impact of Dual Enrollment: Student Success and a Stronger Workforce**

SREB's Dual Enrollment Initiative, led by an advisory panel that includes legislators and leaders from K-12, higher education institutions and statewide agencies, is examining dual enrollment as an early start to completing postsecondary credentials, a way to enhance workforce development, and a means for students to master industry-specific success skills. An update on the initiative will include upcoming research on dual enrollment's impact and effectiveness. The role of and potential for dual enrollment in regional workforce development will also be discussed.

Stephen Pruitt, President, SREB

Tim Shaughnessy, Program Director, Career Pathways, SREB

Dale Winkler, Vice President, School Improvement, SREB

Jill Case-Wirth, Senior Vice President, Wellstar Health System

6:30 p.m. **Reception** (Georgian Room, First Floor)

Dinner (Plaza Ballroom, Second Floor)

Sunday, June 26

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet** (Plaza Ballroom)

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Executive Committee Meeting** (Congress Room, Third Floor)

Presiding: Felicia Cumings Smith, Kentucky

9-10 a.m. **Overview of Goals 2030** (Grand Ballroom)

Jeff Gagne, Director, Policy Analysis, SREB

10-11 a.m. **Business Meeting of the Southern Regional Education Board** (Grand Ballroom)

All meeting participants are encouraged to attend.

Presiding: Felicia Cumings Smith, Kentucky

The business meeting will include the report of the Executive Committee, the report of the Nominating Committee and election of officers, and the presentation of the Jack Hill Champion of Education Award for 2021 and 2022.

Sunday, June 26 (continued)

GENERAL SESSIONS

Presiding: Felicia Cumings Smith, Kentucky

11 a.m.-Noon

The New Workforce in a Changing Economy

Leaders from in-demand industries will share their experiences in recruiting and retaining well-prepared employees in an ever-changing economy. They will identify the skills and competencies needed to succeed in their industries and the steps their organizations are taking to identify, train and support new employees.

Dale Winkler, Vice President, School Improvement, SREB

Jennifer Lamourt, Human Resources Director, Ritz-Carlton Atlanta, Georgia

Brandon Loftus, Plant Manager, ZF Gainesville, Georgia

Scott Steiner, President and CEO, Phoebe Putney Health System, Georgia

Noon

Lunch with Special Guest Malcolm Mitchell (Plaza Ballroom)

Valdosta, Georgia, native Malcolm Mitchell is a former University of Georgia and National Football League player. He is also a literacy advocate and author of children's books. He will share the powerful life lessons he learned from sports — Mitchell was a member of the New England Patriots team that won Super Bowl LI — and reflect on the role reading plays in education.

GENERAL SESSIONS

2-4 p.m.

Systemic Thinking to Address Education and Workforce Alignment

This session will review workforce initiatives across SREB states, highlighting efforts with the strongest impact and identifying opportunities to better align education and training with workforce needs. The session will also review data sharing patterns and reflect on the importance of systemic thinking about using data and how to put systemic thinking into practice.

Ivy Alford, Division Director, Education and Workforce, SREB

Susan Lounsbury, Director, Education Data Services, SREB

Dale Winkler, Vice President, School Improvement, SREB

Jayashee Krishnan, Senior Enterprise Data Warehouse Architect, Governor's Office of Student Achievement, Georgia

Maria Markham, Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

Joe Meyer, Mayor, Covington, Kentucky

Nick Moore, Education Policy Advisor and Coordinator, Governor's Office of Education and Workforce Transformation, Alabama

6 p.m.

Reception and Dinner (Georgia Aquarium)

Transportation will be provided from the Ritz-Carlton Atlanta to the Georgia Aquarium beginning at 5:30.

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Monday, June 27

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet** (Plaza Ballroom)

7:30-8:30 a.m. **Legislative Advisory Council Breakfast and Business Meeting** (Congress Room)
Presiding: Senator Locke, Virginia

GENERAL SESSIONS

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8:45-10 a.m. **Supporting Students in Postsecondary**

Today's postsecondary students face challenges in persisting in their college education, challenges that have been exacerbated by the impact of the pandemic. What strategies work best to provide timely assistance so students complete degrees and credentials?

Stevie Lawrence II, Vice President, Postsecondary Education, SREB

D. Glen Cannon, President, Gwinnett Technical College, Georgia

Taffye Clayton, Vice President and Associate Provost, Auburn University, Alabama

Scott Jenkins, Strategy Director for State Policy, Lumina Foundation

Melva Williams, Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management,
Southern University, Louisiana

10-11:15 a.m. **Educators: The Overlooked Workforce**

New technologies and a growing dependence on automation are changing many jobs and the levels of education and skills required for them. Educators play a major role in preparing our children for the challenges ahead, but shortages in the educator workforce are putting our economy and society at risk.

Megan Boren, Project Manager, Postsecondary Education, SREB

11:15-11:30 a.m. **Adoption of Goals 2030 and Closing Comments**

11:30 a.m. **Meeting Adjournment**

Lunch available in the Grand Ballroom Pre-Function Area

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