

2022 June S-SARA RSC Meeting
AC Marriott Hotel Downtown Nashville
June 8, 2022, 9:00am CST
Meeting Minutes

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:04 am CST.

Steering Committee Members Present

- Ron Leonard (AL), Director of Special Initiatives, Alabama Commission on Higher Education
- Alana Boles (AR), Assistant Director of Academic Affairs, Arkansas Division of Higher Education
- Terrance Youngblood (AR), Program Specialist, Arkansas Division of Higher Education
- Leigh Weldin (DE), Director of Delaware Higher Education Office, Delaware Department of Education
- Angela Lee (DC), Executive Director, Higher Education Licensure Commission
- Brady Lyon (FL), Education Policy Director, Commission for Independent Education
- Kirk Shook (GA), Executive Director, Georgia Nonpublic Education Commission
- Adam Hawk (GA), Division Director/GA SARA Coordinator, Georgia Postsecondary Education Commission
- Jevonda Keith (KY), Director of State Authorization and Reciprocity, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
- LeAnn Detillier (LA), Assistant Commissioner for Programs Administration, Louisiana Board of Regents
- Bryson Barksdale (MD), Education Analyst, Maryland Higher Education Commission
- Trish Gordon-McCown (MD), Director of Academic Affairs, Maryland Higher Education Commission
- Terrence Scarborough (NC), Director of SARA-NC, North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority
- Kyle Foster (OK), Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Elizabeth Walker (OK), Coordinator for Academic Affairs Administration, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Gina Wetten (PA), Higher Education Associate II, Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Damaris Nolasco (PR), Director ORLIE, Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions
- Argentini Anderson (SC), Assistant Director, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- Julie Woodruff (TN), Assistant Executive Director and Lead Attorney for DPSA, Tennessee Higher Education Commission
- Jessica Acton (TX), Program Director, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Nikki Bryant (WV), Director of Academic Programming, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
- Jelayne Crosier (WV), Executive Administrative Assistant, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

At-Large Members Present

- Elise Scanlon, Member At-large, General Counsel, Elise Scanlon Law Group
- Robert Keown, Member At-large, Executive Director for GTVC, Technical College System of Georgia

Members Not in Attendance

- Menia Dykes (MS), Director of Accreditation, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
- Darlene Derricott (VA), Director of Academic Services, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Sharlene Harris (VI), Interim Vice President of Information Services and Institutional Assessment, University of the Virgin Islands

NC-SARA Staff Present

- Lori Williams, President and CEO, National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements
- Marianne Boeke, Senior Director, for Research and State Support, National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements

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- Stephen Pruitt, President, Southern Regional Education Board
- Stevie Lawrence, Vice President, Office of Postsecondary Education, Southern Regional Education Board
- Michael DeJesus, Director, Student Success and Access, Southern Regional Education Board
- Elisa Jaden, Regional SARA Director, Southern Regional Education Board

Greeting

Elisa Jaden welcomed all attendees then introduced Stevie Lawrence, Vice President of Postsecondary Education, for the SREB Update.

SREB Updates

Stevie Lawrence gave an update on the work of the Office of Postsecondary Education and what is to come. He then introduced SREB President, Stephen Pruitt.

Stephen Pruitt gave an update on the work of SREB's educational divisions and offices. He then turned the meeting over to the RSC Chair, Angela Lee.

Approval of the Agenda

Angela Lee called for corrections to the agenda. There were no changes requested. She then called for unanimous approval of the agenda. The agenda was approved.

Adoption of Minutes

Angela Lee asked to adopt the minutes from the October 20, 2021, RSC Meeting. She submitted the following corrections to the minutes:

- 1) Added the location to the meeting minutes header.
- 2) Added the time zone to the meeting minutes.
- 3) Made change to Menia Dykes' title.
- 4) Added Stephanie Bellard Chase's title and agency name.
- 5) Corrected Elise Scanlon's agency name.
- 6) Corrected the spelling of "state" in item 2 under Adoption of Minutes.
- 7) Changed the word "decided" to "voted," moved "to two years" from the end of the sentence and inserted it in front of the word "terms," and added "and elected" after the word "nominated" under the Other Business section.
- 8) Corrected the am to pm for the adjournment time.

Angela then asked for any other corrections to the minutes. Hearing none, Angela called for unanimous consent. The minutes were adopted.

NC-SARA Update

- Lori Williams gave an update about the Rapid Response Team that was created to address the proposed language introduced during NPRM. Her update included details from NC-SARA's meeting with DOE Under Secretary James Kvaal.
- Marianne Boeke gave an update on the final data reporting for AY2021, as well as data reporting cycle deadlines.

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State Renewals

- District of Columbia – Angela Lee
 - Motion to Approve – Alana Boles (AR)
 - Seconded by – Ron Leonard (AL)
 - Motion carries
- Delaware – Leigh Weldin
 - Motion to Approve – LeAnn Detillier (LA)
 - Seconded by – Nikki Bryant (WV)
 - Motion carries
- North Carolina – Terrence Scarborough
 - Motion to Approve – Brady Lyon (FL)
 - Seconded by - Ron Leonard (AL)
 - Motion carries
- Puerto Rico – Damaris, Nolasco
 - Motion to Approve – Gina Wetten (PA)
 - Seconded by – Kirk Shook (GA)
 - Motion carries
- South Carolina – Argentini Anderson
 - Motion to Approve – Brady Lyon (FL)
 - Seconded by - Ron Leonard (AL)
 - Motion carries

State Reports

The remaining states and territories provided reports and updates except the following (due to non-attendance)

- Mississippi
- Virginia
- Virgin Islands

Unfinished Business

For issues elevated to/coming from NC-SARA, Angela addressed the lack of notification about SARA documents and asked clarifying questions regarding NC-SARA's request for compacts' state applications – both initial and renewal.

New Business

The regional steering committee voted to adopt the second edition of the SREB SARA RSC Policy and Procedures Manual.

- Motion to Approve – Julie Woodruff (TN)
- Seconded by – Kyle Foster (OK)
- Motion carries

The meeting adjourned at 2:08 Central Time.