

2021 June S-SARA RSC Meeting  
June 9, 2021  
Meeting Minutes

**The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:36 am.**

**Steering Committee Members Present**

- Alana Boles (AR), Program Director of Private Career and Out-of-State Education Arkansas Department of Higher Education
- Nicholas Buono (DE), Education Specialist, College Success Programs, Delaware Department of Education
- Angela Lee (DC) Executive Director, Higher Education Licensure Commission
- Jocelyn Harris (DC), Education Compliance Specialist, District of Columbia Higher Education Licensure Commission
- Rhesa Rudolph (FL), Assistant Executive Director, Commission for Independent Education
- Jenna Partin (FL), Assistant General Counsel, Florida Department of Education
- Kirk Shook (GA) Executive Director, Georgia Nonpublic Education Commission
- Adam Hawk (GA) Division Director, Georgia Postsecondary Education Commission
- Sarah Levy (KY) Executive Director of Postsecondary Licensing, 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
- Menia Dykes (MS), Director of Accreditation, Mississippi Institutions of Higher Learning
- 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
- Lynette Kuhn (PA) Higher Education Administrator, Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Gina Wetten (PA) Higher Education Associate II, Pennsylvania Department of Education
- Damaris Nolasco (PR) Executive Assistant to Communications, Puerto Rico Board of Postsecondary Institutions
- Peggy Simons (SC) Program Coordinator, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- Stacey Price (SC) Program Coordinator, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- Julie Woodruff (TN) Assistant Executive Director of Postsecondary School, Tennessee Higher Education Commission
- Jessica Acton (TX) Program Director, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- Darlene Derricott (VA) Director of Academic Services, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- Camille McKayle (VI) Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, University of the Virgin Islands
- Nikki Bryant (WV) Compliance Officer, West Virginia Higher Education Policy and Commission
- Adam Hawk (GA) SARA Coordinator, Georgia Nonpublic Education Commission
- Elizabeth Walker (OK) Coordinator for Academic Administration

**At-Large Members Present**

- Elise Scanlon, Member At-large, General Counsel, Distance Education Accrediting Commission
- Robert Keown (GA) Executive Director, Technical College System of Georgia
- Kris Williams (KY) Chancellor, Kentucky Community, and Technical College System
- Sharon Spencer (MD) Assistant Vice Provost, Accreditation Compliance, University of Maryland Global Campus
- Teri Spence (PA), Director of Compliance, Penn State

**NC-SARA Staff Present**

- Marianne Boeke, Director, Policy Research and State Support
- Jeannie Yockey-Fine, Director of Regulatory Relations and Policy Support
- Mary Larson, Executive Director for Student and Institution Support

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- Melanie Booth, Director of Education Programs and Communications

#### **SREB Staff Present:**

- Stephen Pruitt, President of Southern Regional Education Board
- Stevie Lawrence, Vice President – Office of Postsecondary Education
- Elisa Jaden, Interim Director
- Maretta Whibbey, Administrative Assistant

#### **Greeting**

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

#### **SREB Updates**

Stevie Lawrence shared:

- 1) New Program called the Takeda, I3 fellows program
- 2) Partnership with Takeda Pharmaceuticals
- 3) A new cohort of students that will be participating in the internship opportunity
- 4) Also, we are advancing our work. With minority-serving institutions as well. HBCUs in particularly

Stephen Pruitt shared:

- 1) We pull together three people from each state and had a post-secondary, reopening task force.
- 2) We brought together experts in the fields and different things from student enrollment to budgets and how to manage.
- 3) We did the same thing in K-12, where we brought people together to talk about reopening our schools and relearning.
- 4) Webinars hosted by SREB

#### **Approval of Agenda**

Angela Lee called for corrections to the agenda. There were no changes requested. The agenda was approved with unanimous consent.

#### **Adoption of Minutes**

Angela Lee asked for acceptance of the minutes from the October 21, 2020 RSC Meeting. She asked for the following corrections to the minutes:

- 1) On page 2, add Julie and Angela's last names to be consistent
- 2) Changed from "first motion" to "motion to" and "motion seconded by"
- 3) On KY renewal questions, the correction to the number of institutions on provisional status changed from 1 to 0.

The minutes were adopted with unanimous consent.

#### **NC-SARA Update**

- Marianne Boeke talked shared the SPE Annual Survey, Advisory Committee, and Educational Programming
- Jeannie Yockey-Fine shared the tabled proposals from the NC-SARA board meeting
- Mary Larson shared the Salesforce updates and Institutional Conference schedule
- Melanie Booth shared the NC-SARA policy revision cycle

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**State Renewals**

- Arkansas – Alana Boles
  - Motion to Approve- LeAnn Detillier (LA)
  - Seconded by- Julie Woodruff (TN)
  - Approved Unanimously
- Oklahoma – Kyle Foster
  - Motion to Approve- Darlene Derricott (VA)
  - Seconded by- Menia Dykes (MS)
  - Approved Unanimously
- Tennessee – Julie Woodruff
  - Motion to Approve- Lynette Kuhn (PA)
  - Seconded by- Ron Lenoard (AL)
  - Approved Unanimously
- Virgin Islands – Camille McKayle
  - Motion to Approve- Nick Buono (DE)
  - Seconded by- Lynette Kuhn (PA)
  - Approved Unanimously

**Other Business**

- Discussion
  - How does NC-SARA define appeal? Table for another meeting.
  - What is due process on composite score?
- October 21, 2021 location in Atlanta if possible
- Working groups updates

**The meeting adjourned at 12:23 pm.**