



**SPRING 2022 BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY May 5, 2022 &
FRIDAY, May 6, 2022
Denver, CO
8:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Mountain Time
Summary of Major Actions and Discussion**

(These are not official minutes of the NC-SARA Board.)

Vice Chair Robert Anderson called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

NC-SARA STRATEGIC PLAN PROGRESS

NC-SARA President and staff shared updates on progress made toward strategic plan goals associated with year two of the three-year plan. The following projects were showcased in support of the year two goals of the strategic plan: NC-SARA's data dashboards, the SARA Source, contact roles in Salesforce (the SARA Portal), and educational resources, specifically Quick Start Guides and online courses including SARA 101.

REGIONAL COMPACTS' REPORTS

The presidents of the Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC), New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE), Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), and Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) each shared updates on the administration of SARA in their regions, in collaboration with their Regional Steering Committee (RSC) chairs.

ITCB CONSULTING REPORT

The board of directors:

- Received an update from ITCB consulting regarding their assessment of the roles and responsibilities of NC-SARA leaders.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON PROPOSED POLICY REVIEW CYCLE: PUBLIC SESSION

Ed Klonoski, Chair of the NEBHE Steering Committee, and Sam Loftin, Member of the WICHE Steering Committee, presented a proposed policy review cycle and process that was developed and approved by the four regional compacts and their RSCs.

The board voted to table approving the proposed process, for the purpose of deliberation of the board, on issues related to its role, and for further discussion with the RSC chairs and other stakeholders, with the goal of action at the fall 2022 board meeting. UPDATE (June 16, 2022)
Following the board meeting, a decision was made to discuss and consider a vote on the proposed policy modification process on June 27th at the board's retreat. The public will be invited to listen in to this portion of the board's retreat."

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The board of directors:

- Approved a motion that the Finance Committee share a proposal on financial needs for states' SARA work.
- Received the FY2022 Q3 financial report.
- Reviewed compact allocation expenses.
- Approved an institution participation realignment process. The process will permit SPEs to choose to make changes to institution participation dates under specific circumstances.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The board of directors:

- Approved the FY2023 budget.
- Engaged in discussion regarding board composition in anticipation of directors cycling off following the fall 2022 board meeting.
- Received a progress update from the 21st Century Guidelines Working Group

FEDERAL HIGHER EDUCATION LANDSCAPE

External counsel addressed several aspects of the federal higher education landscape, including those related to a recent U.S. Department of Education Negotiated Rulemaking Committee session.

The next meeting of the NC-SARA Board will take place October 27-28, 2022 in Seattle, WA.