



# NC-SARA Board Meeting Summary Notes May 15-16, 2025 | Atlanta, GA

## **Minutes of February 21, 2025 Virtual Board Meeting**

The board discussed and approved the February 21, 2025 virtual board meeting minutes.

## **Executive Session**

The board held an executive session and accepted resignations from two NC-SARA Board Directors.

## **Report and Recommendations from the Executive Committee**

The board chair noted that the NC-SARA Board of Directors will be looking for new candidates for board membership for a three-year term commencing on January 1, 2026. Discussion regarding NC-SARA Board succession planning ensued.

## **Report and Recommendations from the Finance Committee**

The NC-SARA Treasurer and Senior Director of Finance reviewed the FY25 financial statements and the proposed FY26 budget. Updates were given regarding the regional compact allocation, the request for proposals for a new external auditor and the SARA State and Territory Grants. A board discussion followed on each topic and the board voted to approve the FY26 budget.

## **Report from the Governance & Nominations Committee**

A report on the committee work plan for 2025-2026 was given and a committee member noted that the call for nominations will be public on June 2, 2025, and be open for nominations and self-nominations until July 3, 2025.

## **Report from the Strategy Committee**

The committee chair provided a review of the committee work plan for 2025-2026 and noted that the NC-SARA Strategic Plan Survey will be sent to external stakeholder groups in early June. A report on trending topics of higher education was given with full board discussion regarding trends relevant to distance education and SARA.

## **Report from the Consumer Protection and Policy Committee**

The committee chair provided a review of the committee work plan for 2025-2026. A review of the 2025 SARA Policy Modification Process and submitted proposals was given by the co-chairs of the policy implementation team and the NC-SARA director of institutional engagement and initiatives.

## **State and Federal Updates**

Discussion regarding SB 790, Washington HB 1279, Federal Financial Responsibility Composite Scores, and accreditation ensued.

**Executive Session**

The board held an executive session to hold the annual review of the NC-SARA President.

**Conflict of Interest and Abstain/Recusal Policy for Policy Proposals**

Discussion regarding conflict-of-interest policy for policy proposals ensued.

**Regional Compact Presidents' Region & State Updates**

The regional compact presidents provided regional and state updates from their respective regions.

**NC-SARA President Report**

The NC-SARA president provided an update regarding the SARA Institutional Closures Working Group, the unified agreement amendment process, and the *By the Numbers* Report.