



SARA Portal Advisory Committee

Purpose:

The purpose of the SARA Portal Advisory Committee is to collaborate with and advise NC-SARA and the regional education compact staff about essential technical insights and policy recommendations that drive portal excellence. It was created to provide a dedicated space for "super users" to focus on the technical details of the Salesforce portal, allowing the SPE Advisory Committee to focus on broader engagement and training. By collaborating the committee ensures the portal remains technologically robust and policy-sensitive.

Committee Members:

- NC-SARA Conveners: **Jared Abdirkin, Beverly Wade, Ray Audett**
- **Charlotte Ochs**, Director, State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (SARA), NEBHE
- **Sara Appel**, Director of M-SARA, Policy & Research, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
- **Alicia Armijo**, Constituent Services Coordinator & NC-SARA Coordinator, New Mexico Higher Education Department
- **Jennifer Armour**, Associate Director Academic Affairs, Kansas Board of Regents
- **Emily Bjornberg**, Senior Consultant, Connecticut Office of Higher Education
- **Darlene Derricott**, Director of Academic Services, State Council of Higher Education for Virginia
- **James Farhat**, Departmental Specialist, Employment & Training, Postsecondary Schools and State Approving, Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity
- **Molly Hall-Martin**, Director, W-SARA, Policy Analysis and Research, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
- **Elisa Jaden**, Regional SARA Director, Postsecondary Student Access and Success, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)
- **Casey Kohler**, Administrative Support Specialist, New York State Education Department
- **Ron Leonard**, Director of Special Initiatives, Alabama Commission on Higher Education
- **Yolanda Diane McCree**, Senior Licensing Program Coordinator, South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
- **Magda Rivers**, Associate Executive Director and GA-SARA Coordinator, Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission

- **Elizabeth Walker**, Coordinator for Academic Affairs Administration, Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
- Invited guests / ad hoc members as agenda determines (TBD)