



SARA State Portal Entity (SPE) Advisory Committee 2026

Purpose:

The purpose of the SPE Advisory Committee is to collaborate with and advise NC-SARA and the regional education compact staff about SPE training needs and priorities, educational programs, SPE surveys, and data reporting. The committee also serves as an important component of the SARA Learning Community to help harvest from and share effective practices across the field, and to get feedback from SPEs on ideas for SPE outreach and engagement.

Committee Members:

- NC-SARA Conveners: **Marianne Boeke, Emilie Crawford, Beverly Wade**
- At least two SPEs from each region
 - MHEC
 - **Paige Smith** – Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Universities of Wisconsin Administration, Office of Compliance & Integrity
 - **Kate McCartan** – Institutional Monitoring Specialist, Minnesota Office of Higher Education
 - WICHE
 - **Alicia Armijo** – Constituent Services Coordinator & NC-SARA Coordinator, New Mexico Higher Education Department
 - **Katie Hubbart** – Academic Affairs Specialist - South Dakota SARA Coordinator, South Dakota Board of Regents
 - NEBHE
 - **Sean Seepersad**, Division Director of Academic Affairs, Connecticut Office of Higher Education
 - SREB
 - **Alana Colburn** – Associate Director of Private Postsecondary Education and Transfer Programs, Arkansas Department of Education -

Division of Higher Education

• **LeAnn Detillier** – Assistant Commissioner for Program Administration, Louisiana Board of Regents

• **Cathie (Cam) Maeyaert** – Director- Private Postsecondary Institutions, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board

- A Regional Compact SARA staff – **Charlotte Ochs**, NEBHE
- A Regional Compact SARA staff – **Shelley Plutto**, WICHE
- Invited guests / ad hoc members as agenda determines (TBD)