

NC-SARA Board Meeting Summary Notes October 24-25, 2024

Minutes of the August 20, 2024, Board Meeting

The board discussed and approved the August 20, 2024, board meeting minutes.

Report and Recommendations from the Governance & Nominations Committee

The board voted to elect four new board members for their first three-year term:

- Coleen Arviso, Director of E-Learning, Navajo Technical University
- Terrence Scarborough, Director of SARA North Carolina, North Carolina State Education Assistance Authority (UNC System Office); Regional Steering Committee Chair, Southern Regional Education Board
- John Ware, Executive Director, Ohio State Board of Career Colleges and Schools
- Joan Wodiska, President & Founder, Pioneer Management Consulting, LLC

The board also voted to approve four board members for their second three-year term:

- Barbara Gellman-Danley, President, Higher Learning Commission
- Eduardo Ochoa, President Emeritus, California State University Monterey Bay
- Elise Scanlon, Principal, Elise Scanlon Law Group
- Sarah Armstrong Tucker, Chancellor, West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission

Report and Recommendations from the Finance Committee

The board treasurer reviewed the NC-SARA Finance Report and the NC-SARA senior director of finance reviewed the FY25 Q1 financials and statement of financial position.

Presentation of NC-SARA FY24 Financial Audit

A presentation of the NC-SARA FY24 Financial Audit was given by Kunding, Corder, & Montoya. The auditors noted that there were no findings. The board voted to approve the FY24 Financial Audit.

Unified Agreement Working Group

The Unified Agreement (UA) Amendment Process was approved by the board. The process will move forward to the four regional compacts for a vote.

Public Session - SARA Policy Modification Proposals

The board voted to approve the ten SARA policy modification proposals that were approved by all four regional compacts through their RSCs:

1. PMP24-0619: Responsibilities for Resolving Complaints
2. PMP24-0621: Definition - SARA Policy

3. PMP24-0622: Removal of Definition "Rule"
4. PMP24-0632: Off-Ramp from Provisional Status
5. PMP24-0636: 8.2(f)(2) & (f)(4) - Revise the Amend. Periods
6. PMP24-0641: Changes to Complaints Data Collection
7. PMP24-0669: SARA Policy Manual
8. PMP24-0627: Change to Loss of Institutional Eligibility
9. PMP24-0628: Changes to Provisional Status
10. PMP24-0630: Aligning Professional Licensure Disclosure Requirements

After Chevron: What Could This Mean For SARA?

Catherine Guttman-McCabe, Partner at Potomac Law Group, shared a presentation and the board discussed the Chevron Doctrine, the Administrative Procedure Act, and the Loper Bright decision.

Negotiated Rulemaking - Update and Discussion

Alex Nock, Vic Klatt, and Alysha Bold from Penn Hill Group presented on negotiated rulemaking and possible implications for NC-SARA of the U.S. presidential election.

Consumer Protection & Policy Committee Report

The committee chair provided a review of the committee's recent and upcoming work. The chair noted that a priority for the committee in 2025 will be to determine the best avenue for the committee and full board to support the work of the SARA Policy Modification Process and Policy Implementation Team.

Strategy Committee Report

The chair of the strategy committee reviewed the work plan for the committee in 2025, the strategic plan timeline, and the draft mission statement language. The board voted to endorse the draft mission statement language as presented.

Regional Compact Presidents' Region & State Updates

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

NC-SARA President Report

The NC-SARA president provided an update of the institutional closures working group and the SARA State and Territory Grants. Discussion took place on SARA student consumer protections.