

**AGENDA**  
**Spring 2025 Board Meeting**  
**May 15-16, 2025**  
**Atlanta, GA**

**Thursday May 15, 2025**

- 9:00 am      **Welcome** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)
- 9:05 am      **Roll Call** (Schuyler Perry, Board Secretary, NC-SARA)
- 9:10 am      **(ACTION) Minutes of February 2025 Virtual Board Meeting** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)
- 9:15 am      **Executive Committee: Report and Recommendations** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)
- Announcement: Board member nominations will open for 2025
  - Announcement: Four board directors will cycle off the board on December 31, 2025
  - Announcement: For the current annual cycle, there are no board directors whose terms are subject to renewal
  - Discussion: Board succession planning and board officer roles and responsibilities
  - Discussion: NC-SARA Draft Bylaw Edits
  - Discussion: Draft Conflict of Interest and Abstain/Recusal Policy
- 10:15 am      Break
- 10:30 am      **Finance Committee: Report and Recommendations** (John Cavanaugh, Board Treasurer; Ashley Rasmussen, Senior Director of Finance, NC-SARA)
- Review of FY25 Financial Statement
  - Discussion: Regional Compact Allocation
  - Request For Proposals - New External Auditor
  - **(ACTION)** NC-SARA FY26 Budget
  - Update: State and Territory Grants
- 12:00 pm      **Lunch**
- 1:00 pm      **Board Committee Updates** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)
- **Governance & Nominations Committee** (Elise Scanlon, Board Committee Chair)
    - Discussion: Process for Board Nominations 2025
  - **Strategy Committee** (Barbara Gellman-Danley, Board Committee Chair)
    - Discussion: Developing the Strategic Plan (Listening Session & Surveys)
    - Discussion: HLC's *2025 Trends in Higher Education Report*
  - **Consumer Protection & Policy Committee** (Lanna Dueck, Board Committee Chair)
    - Update: Committee Work Plan 2025
    - Review: 2025 SARA Policy Modification Process & Proposals
      - Sara Appel, Director of M-SARA, Policy & Research, Midwestern Higher Education Compact; Co-Chair, Policy Implementation Team
      - Alex Nally, Legislative Director and Deputy General Counsel, Massachusetts Department of Higher Education; Co-Chair, Policy Implementation Team
      - Jared Abdirkin, Director, Institutional Engagement & Initiatives (NC-SARA)

- 2:30 pm      **Federal and State Updates** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)
- California SARA History (Eduardo Ochoa, Board Vice Chair; Demarée Michelau, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)
  - State Updates (Demarée Michelau, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education)
    - California
    - Washington
  - Other State Legislation?
  - Federal Update (Jeannie Pauline Yockey-Fine, Senior Vice President & General Counsel)
    - Federal Financial Responsibility Composite Scores (FFRCS) and SARA
    - Accreditation and SARA

3:45 pm      **Executive Session** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)

4:30 pm      **Adjourn**

## Friday May 16, 2025

9:00 am      **Welcome** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)

9:05 am      **Roll Call** (Schuyler Perry, Board Secretary, NC-SARA)

9:10 am      **Discussion: Conflict of Interest and Abstain/Recusal Policy for Policy Proposals**  
(Lanna Dueck, Board Committee Chair, Consumer Protection and Policy)

9:45 am      **Regional Compact Presidents Update and Discussion** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)

- Susan G. Heegaard, President, Midwestern Higher Education Compact (MHEC)
- Demarée Michelau, President, Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE)
- Stephen Pruitt, President, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB)
- Michael Thomas, President and CEO, New England Board of Higher Education (NEBHE)

11:15 am      **NC-SARA President Update & Discussion** (Marianne Boeke, NC-SARA)

11:45 am      **Break**

12:00 pm      **Executive Session** (Rob Anderson, Board Chair)

1:00 pm      **Adjourn**