

SLDS Governing Board

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

April 14, 2025

In Attendance:

- SWIB - Patrick Sullivan – Chair
MDES – Bill Ashley – Vice Chair
IHL – Casey Prestwood (designee for Al Rankin)
MDOC – Audry McAfee (designee for Burl Cain)
MCCB – Kell Smith
MDE – John Kraman (designee for Lance Evans)
MDE – Tamala Matthews
MDHS- Bob Anderson
- MDRS – Billy Taylor
MDRS - Samandra Murphy
MDRS – Jennifer Jackson
MSECA – Andrea Sanders
MSDH – Jennifer Gholson (designee for Dr. Edney)
NSPARC – Michael Taquino
NSPARC – Les Charlton
NSPARC – Libbi Havelin
Board Counsel – Pamela S. Ratliff
Dorthy Young

Call to Order:

Chair Patrick Sullivan called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Upon the motion of Kell Smith, and a second by Bill Ashley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.

Upon the motion of Kell Smith, and a second by Bill Ashley, the Board voted unanimously to approve the July 8, 2024, minutes.

Chair Sullivan discussed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLDS and MSU. Motion was made by Audrey McAfee to table MOU discussion until next Board meeting. Bob Anderson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Sullivan discussed having NSPARC provide the Board an itemized accounting of funds expended to provide the Board with a better understanding of the annual cost to run, manage, operate, and maintain the system. Michael Taquino with NSPARC advised the requested itemization would be provided to the Board. No board action taken.

Chair Sullivan discussed the board’s objectives as outlined in *Miss. Code Ann.*, Section 37-154-3. No board action taken.

There being no further business, the Board voted unanimously to adjourn upon the motion of Bill Ashley, and a second by John Kraman.

Meeting adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Patrick Sullivan, Chair