

SLDS Governing Board

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

June 17, 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)
MDRS– Tamala Matthews
MDHS- Bob Anderson (left meeting at 11:30 a.m.)

MDRS – Billy Taylor
MDRS - Samantha Murphy
MDRS – Jennifer Jackson
MSCPS– Andrea Sanders
MSDH – Jennifer Gholson (designee for Dr. Edney)
NSPARC – Michael Taquino
NSPARC – Les Charlton
NSPARC – Libbi Havelin
Board Counsel – Pamela S. Ratliff
Dorothy Young

Call to Order:

Chair Patrick Sullivan called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.

Upon the motion of Bill Ashley and a second by Bob Anderson, the Board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as amended to include MOU between SLDS and MDES.

Upon the motion of Bob Anderson, and a second by Bill Ashley, the Board voted unanimously to approve April 14, 2025 minutes.

Chair Sullivan discussed a 5-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SLDS and MSU. Upon the motion of Bob Anderson and seconded by Kell Smith the Board voted unanimously to approve and authorize the Chair to execute MOU between SLDS and SU and an MOU between SLDS and MDES.

Chairman Sullivan discussed the responsibilities and objectives of the Board. The need to identify critical research and policy questions needed to be addressed by education and workforce programs. The need to identify reports and other information needed and/or should be currently available to education and workforce programs and other public stakeholders, e.g., employment and median earning data by completion of degree, by certificate, degree progression by individual and educational institution; index of work outcomes of graduates by community colleges and universities in terms of earnings; etc. Need to define and maintain standards for privacy and security of data. Need to perform other advisory functions for successful continuation of the data system. No board action taken.

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 p.m.

Patrick Sullivan, Chair