

SLDS Governing Board

Virtual Meeting

MINUTES

June 17, 2025 **In Attendance:**

SWIB - Patrick Sullivan – Chair	MDRS – Billy Taylor
MDES – Bill Ashley – Vice Chair	MDRS - Samandra Murphy
IHL – Casey Prestwood (designee for Al Rankin)	MDRS – Jennifer Jackson
MDOC – Audry McAfee (designee for Burl Cain)	MSCPS– Andrea Sanders
MCCB – Kell Smith	MSDH – Jennifer Gholson (designee for Dr. Edney)
MDE – John Kraman (designee for Lance Evans)	NSPARC – Michael Taquino
MDRS– Tamala Matthews	NSPARC – Les Charlton
MDHS- Bob Anderson (left meeting at 11:30 a.m.)	NSPARC – Libbi Havelin
	Board Counsel – Pamela S. Ratliff
	Dorthy 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 Simth 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