

SERC Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 25, 2026 Virtual Meeting Draft Minutes

In Attendance: Chairperson Quinones, Vice-Chair Higgins, Erin Benham, Jeffrey Leake, Sinthia Sone-Moyano, Diane Clare-Kearney (joined the meeting at 2:36 p.m.), and Patricia Sullivan-Kowalski

Absent: Tom Swan

Others Present: Dr. Ingrid M. Canady, SERC Executive Director, Marjorie Davis, SERC Associate Director, Kristy Giacco, SERC Director of Program Budgets and Services Administration, Greg Glidden, SERC Director of IT and Media Services, Krystal Hewitt, SERC HR Manager, Michelle Weaver, SERC General Counsel/Consultant, Michelle LeBrun-Griffin, SERC Center Coordinator, Jennifer LeBrun, SERC Executive Assistant, Becky Kisluk, SERC Fiscal Coordinator, and Kim Vrabel, YPTC.

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Quinones called the meeting to order at 2:31 p.m.

II. Public Comment

No Public Comment

III. Updates from Executive Director, Dr. Ingrid M. Canady

a. Staffing Update

Dr. Canady discussed the ongoing recruitment efforts, noting that the Director of Finance position is in the final stages of being filled and the IDEA consultant and two project specialist positions are being recruited for. The current staff count is 37, out of an approved budget of 40 members.

b. Keynote Presentation – Women in Corrections

Dr. Canady participated as an opening keynote speaker at the Department of Corrections Women in Corrections Leadership Summit 2026, where she addressed nearly 258 women leaders in the corrections system.

c. Back to School Meeting

The Commissioners' Back-to-School Meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at the CT Science Center. Dr. Canady will be in attendance.

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes of June 30, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

"Motion to approve minutes of June 30, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes."

Motion: Mr. Leake

Second: Ms. Benham

In Favor: 7 (Quinones, Leake, Benham, Sone-Moyano, Clare-Kearney, Sullivan-Kowalski, Higgins)

V. Action Item(s)

VI. Executive Session

VII. Updates from Dr. Agnes Quinones, Chairperson

a. Board Secretary

Chairperson Quinones announced the need for a board secretary. She indicated that the position requires little and that Ms. LeBrun will continue to coordinate all meetings. If any member of the Board would like to volunteer for this position, please reach out to her as soon as possible.

b. Upcoming New Board Member Appointment

Chairperson Quinones announced that two new board members will be joining soon, including a candidate identified by the governor's office, and noted that Minority Leader Stephen Harding has appointed Attorney Rajan Doering. Attorney Doering was unable to attend today's meeting due to a trial.

c. Upcoming Board Trainings

Chairperson Quinones announced plans to implement board training sessions starting in October, coordinated with Michelle Weaver, SERC General Counsel.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee reviewed the May 31, 2026, financial statements. Ms. Vrabel reported that SERC remains in a strong financial position, with solid revenue performance and a healthy balance sheet.

b. Operations Committee

No report.

c. Program Committee

Michelle LeBrun-Griffin presented on her role as the Center Coordinator for the School Reform Resource Center, highlighting her 34-year tenure at SERC and various initiatives.

IX. SERC Foundation Update

Ms. Davis provided a brief update regarding the SERC 2027 Dismantling Systemic Racism conference planning. The date and location should be finalized by the regular meeting of the Board of Directors.

X. Adjournment

“Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:01 p.m.”

Motion: Ms. Sullivan-Kowalski

Second: Ms. Sone-Moyano

In Favor: 7 (Quinones, Leake, Benham, Sone-Moyano, Clare-Kearney, Sullivan-Kowalski, Higgins)