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SERC Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 27, 2026
Virtual Meeting Draft Minutes

In Attendance: Chairperson Quinones, Vice-Chair Higgins, Jeffrey Leake, Sinthia Sone-Moyano, Diane Clare-Kearney (joined the meeting at 2:37 p.m. and left the meeting at 3:31 p.m.), Patricia Sullivan-Kowalski, Rajan Doering, and Tom Swan.

Absent: Erin Benham

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, Nikki Hendry, SERC Center Coordinator and Consultant, Jennifer LeBrun, SERC Executive Assistant, Becky Kisluk, SERC Fiscal Coordinator, Alex Sadowski, Director of Finance, Kim Vrabel, YPTC, Sarah Blake, CT Office of State Ethics, and Russell Blair, Freedom of Education Commission

I. Call to Order

Chairperson Quinones called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

II. Public Comment

No Public Comment

III. Welcome to New Board Member, Attorney Rajan Doering

Chairperson Quinones welcomed new board member, Rajan Doering, who shared his background in education and board service.

IV. Approval of Draft Minutes of August 25, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes

"Motion to approve minutes of August 25, 2026, Regular Meeting minutes."

Motion: Dr. Sullivan Kowalski

Second: Vice-Chair Higgins

In Favor: 8 (Quinones, Leake, Doering, Sone-Moyano, Clare-Kearney, Sullivan Kowalski, Higgins, Swan)

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

Dr. Canady introduced the new SERC Director of Finance, Alex Sadowski. After her introduction, Mr. Sadowski shared a brief summary of his professional background, noting that he previously worked in accounting and software product management.

VI. Action Item(s)

No Action Items

VII. Executive Session

No Executive Session

VIII. Updates from Dr. Agnes Quinones, Chairperson

No Updates Provided.

IX. Committee Reports

a. Finance Committee

The Finance Committee presented updates on the August 31, 2026, balance sheet, highlighting changes made to align with generally accepted accounting principles. The statement of revenues and expenditures indicates a positive financial position.

b. Operations Committee

No Report.

c. Program Committee

No Report.

X. SERC Foundation Update

Ms. Davis provided an update on the SERC Foundation and announced that the Dismantling Systemic Racism Conference will be held on May 7, 2027, at Southern Connecticut State University with the theme "Power of Connection, Community, and Partnership."

XI. Refresher Training – Ethics, FOI Requests, Confidentiality

Sarah Clark, Connecticut Office of State Ethics, provided a brief overview of Connecticut's Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees.

Russell Blair of the Connecticut Freedom of Information Commission provided a brief overview of the Freedom of Information Act and confidentiality requirements.

XII. Adjournment

"Motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:42 p.m."

Motion: Dr. Sullivan Kowalski

Second: Mr. Swan

In Favor: 7 (Quinones, Leake, Doering, Sone-Moyano, Sullivan Kowalski, Higgins, Swan)