

# **SESC Board Meeting**

August 5, 2025

Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Roberta Hardy  
Jim Shank  
Mika Salas

Christine Fitzgerald  
John Hughes  
Johnna Boyack

**Welcome from Roberta Hardy.**

## **Consent Items:**

- Minutes: June 2, 2025 - Jim Shank motioned to accept the minutes as written. Mika Salas seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- Warrants: Jim Shank motioned to accept the warrants from 5/27/25, 5/30/25, 6/10/25, 6/19/25, 6/30/25, 7/8/25, 7/11/25, 7/18/25, 7/24/25. Christine Fitzgerald seconded the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

## **Previous Commitments to Action:**

- STEM Lending Library/Discovery Boxes agreement with each LEA - Mika Salas suggested that the title be changed from MOU to ?. Principals at schools are not allowed to sign any MOU's.
- Region Best Practices Event - A Google form has been sent to the superintendents/directors for their input. John will resend the form.
- Grow Your Own Grant - SESC has been awarded \$463,100 to support the submitted candidates for the FY '26 and FY '27 years.
- Moab Charter School Update - see below

## **Discussion Items:**

- Moab Charter Athenian eAcademy - An MOU, dated 7/2/25, has been signed with Superintendent Ferguson setting up terms of service between the Moab Charter School/Athenian eAcademy and SESC. Kate Aiken has been moved to the Principal position at the Moab location.
- Risk Management and Legal Council - There is hesitation among the district boards regarding asking the state for more money. Jim Shank, Christine Fitzgerald, and Mika Salas can see the advantages of having this service for the region districts/schools. Mika suggested that Risk Management could approach the possibility of funding this through a Loss Prevention angle. Roberta Hardy would like to see Rachel Terry at a future meeting for some discussion.
- Promised Partnerships - John Hughes reviewed the proposal given by Promised Partnerships with the board. They have agreed to make two presentations due to the logistics of travel within the SESC region. Christine Fitzgerald would be willing to host a meeting in the San Juan School District. She would prefer to schedule a meeting on November 13, 2025. John will let Christine know when

the date has been scheduled. Jim Shank would like to attend the November 13, 2025 presentation. John can connect any interested parties with Amy for discussion.

- SESC attendance at LEA's Back-to-School events - SESC has received permission from all districts and plans to be in attendance at their upcoming Back-to-School events.
- Edconnective Updates - John reviewed the information regarding Edconnective with the board.
- SESC Regional Educational Service Agency Annual Report FY '26 - John shared the link for his upcoming annual report submission. He is especially impressed with the amount of district contributions and APPEL information in the USBE Performance Criteria section.
- Chan Zuckerberg Initiative - John explained and gave his feelings regarding the initiative. If any board members have an interest in the program, let John know, and he will provide the connection.

**Business/Action Items:**

- Proposed Policy Changes:
  - Overtime-Code 217 - A brief discussion was made regarding the latest changes added to the policy. John will do more work and bring it back at a future meeting.

**Information Items:** John reviewed the SESC Total Service Hours graph with the board.

**Any additional SESC Board Meeting Business:**

**Adjournment:** Meeting was adjourned at 9:48 a.m.