

Virginia SARA Advisory Committee (V-SAC) 2025 Meeting

Thursday, November 6, 2025

The Westin Richmond
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7:30 – 8:45	Breakfast and Registration Shenandoah Ballroom
8:45 – 9:00	Welcome and Opening Remarks Blue Ridge Salon CDE SCHEV/State/SARA Updates Dr. Joseph G. DeFilippo, Director of Academic Affairs & Planning, SCHEV Ms. Darlene Derricott, State Portal Entity Liaison, SCHEV
9:00 – 10:30	Challenges in Higher Education Today: Changes at the US Department of Education, Regulations, Accreditation & Compliance Blue Ridge Salon CDE Presenter: Aaron Lacey, Partner & Chair of Higher Education Practice, Thompson Coburn LLP
10:30 – 10:45	Break and Check-Out
10:45 – 11:15	National Council for State Authorization Reciprocity Agreements (NC-SARA) Updates Blue Ridge Salon CDE Presenter: Mr. Jared B. Abdirkin, Senior Director of Institutional Engagement & Initiatives, NC-SARA - NC-SARA Updates - 2025 Policy Modification Changes
11:15 – 12:00	Student Complaint Policies & SARA Compliance – Break-Out Session Blue Ridge Salon CDE Facilitators: Ms. Darlene Derricott, State Portal Entity Liaison, SCHEV Ms. Emily Hils, Virginia SARA Staff, SCHEV
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch Shenandoah Ballroom

1:00 – 2:00

Automating the Disclosure Process

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Presenter: Sarah Cheverton, State Authorization and Compliance Officer for Online and Distance Learning, James Madison University

2:00 – 2:15

Break

2:15 – 3:15

Updates & Open Dialogue with Southern Regional Education Board (SREB), the State Authorization Network (SAN), & Virginia SARA

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Presenters: Ms. Elisa Jaden, Regional SARA Director, SREB

Dr. Jana Walser-Smith, Director of Interstate Compliance and SAN Member Outreach, SAN

Ms. Darlene Derricott, Virginia SARA Director and State Portal Entity (SPE), SCHEV

- SREB Updates & Resources
- SAN Updates & Resources
- Virginia SARA Resources
- Q&A

3:15 – 3:30

Questions, Other Business and Closing

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