

Board of Directors Meeting

Minutes: May 25, 2026



Attendees: Craig Abbey (Parliamentarian), Yenny Anderson, Angie Bell, Vincent Castano, Bethany Crowell (Treasurer), Brent Drake (Chair), Ivana Fredotovic, Adrea Hernandez (Vice Chair), Liile Lekena-Bayaga, Jillian Morn, Debbie Phelps, David Rudden (Secretary)

Guests: Christine Keller, Miguel Pinero Vigo, and Jason Lewis from the AIR Executive Office

Call to Order

Brent Called the meeting to order at 10:06a (EST). A quorum was established.

Required Approvals and Acknowledgements

Meeting Minutes

Debbie Phelps moved to accept the minutes from the May 8th, 2026 board session. Vincent Castano seconded.

The motion passed.

Communication and Support to the Board Monitoring Report

David Rudden moved that the Communication and Support to the Board Monitoring Report was delivered on time, that the interpretations are reasonable, and that the data supports the interpretations. Jillian Morn seconded.

Discussion focused on questions asked on the evaluation of Board communication and support, as well as if/how the questions might be clarified for improved solicitation of feedback from future Boards.

The motion passed.

Strategic Foresight Review and Planning

Jillian Morn shared a summary of the work of the Future of AIR Committee during 2025-2026 and an executive summary of the insights from that committee's work. Discussion focused on whether this work should lead to updates to the Ends statements in the Board's Governance Policies. The Board discussed opportunities for soliciting greater feedback from AIR members and it was noted that Board Governance Policy (GP IV) already outlines how the Board is intended to act as ambassadors to the membership.

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Executive Director Updates

Christine Keller shared updates about the new IPEDS data collection contractor (AEM).

New Business

Brent Drake thanked the Board and the AIR Executive Team for their service over the past year.

A question was raised by the Board asking if the executive team had received any updates from the Department of Education regarding the new IPEDS race/ethnicity fields. Christine Keller shared that the Department of Education had paused the collection of these data elements for now.

Adjournment

Jillian Morn moved to adjourn the meeting. Vincent Castano seconded.

The motion passed.

Brent Drake adjourned the meeting at 11:47a (EST).