



AGENDA

**South Dakota Science and Technology Authority
Meeting of the Board of Directors
Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. (MDT)**

Education & Outreach Building, Large Conference Room

Public (Open) Session: 1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID: 605 722 4000, Passcode: 8650, <https://zoom.us/join>

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	Topic/Description	Presenter	Recommendation	Page
1.	Call to order A. Call roll B. Introduce guests C. Submit public comment form (<i>form can be found on the boards & commissions portal</i>)	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>1A. Call roll to confirm a quorum 1B. Thank Dr. Fall for his service to the board, introduce new board member Mr. Linn Evans, and ask guests to announce their name and affiliation 1C. Ask if there are any public comment form(s) submitted and announce time will be given towards the end of the agenda to discuss</i>	3-4
2.	Approve agenda	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>Motion to approve agenda</i>	5-9
3.	Approve minutes	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>Motion to approve the December 11, 2025 minutes</i>	11-22
4.	Disclosures and Laws: A. General conflict of interest disclosure B. Conflict of interest disclosure and waiver under SDCL CH. 3-23 C. 2026 Legislative Session updates pertaining to SDSTA	-- Mr. Tim Engel	<i>4A. Informational 4B. Reference board packet for Evans completed disclosure. (No board action required.) 4C. Informational</i>	23-28
5.	Report from Audit Committee—consider acceptance of Audit Report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2025	-- Ms. Pat Lebrun	<i>Motion to accept SDSTA Audit Report for Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2025 as reviewed and discussed at the December 11, 2025 board meeting</i>	29-68

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6.	Financial Report update— A. January Financial Summaries B. Consider authorization of budget increase to include FY26 Federal appropriations funds for SURF Operations	-- Mr. Terry Miller -- Mr. Mike Headley	<i>6A. Informational</i> 6B. <i>Motion to amend the FY2026 budget to include additional federal appropriations funds under the FY2026 DOE appropriation for SURF infrastructure improvements, as presented</i> <i>Motion to accept financial report as presented</i>	69-80
7.	SURF Foundation update	-- Ms. Tracy Kerwin	<i>Introduction and presentation</i>	81-82
8.	Report from Executive Director A. SDSTA quarterly update B. Science update	-- Mr. Mike Headley -- Dr. Markus Horn	<i>Informational</i> <i>Presentation</i> <i>Motion to accept executive director's report</i>	83-128
9.	Discuss forming an Executive Advisory Committee	-- Chair Casey Peterson -- Mr. Tim Engel	<i>Reference SDSTA Bylaws Article 2, Section 7 of board packet.</i>	129-144
10.	Select Nominating Committee	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>Chairperson to appoint members of nominating committee for election of officers at June's annual meeting</i>	145-146
11.	Executive session <i>(closed meeting)</i>	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>Motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel concerning contractual and legal matters—SDCL 1-25-2(1), (3) and (4); 19-19-502</i>	147-148
12.	Report from executive session	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>"The board consulted with legal counsel concerning contractual and legal matters. No action was taken."</i> OR <i>...as discussed and stated otherwise</i>	149-150
13.	Confirm date and time of next meeting	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>Thursday, June 25, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. (MT)—annual meeting held at Elevate Rapid City, 2nd floor board room</i>	151-152

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14.	Public comments	-- Chair Casey Peterson		153-154
15.	Board comments	-- Chair Casey Peterson		155-156
16.	Adjourn	-- Chair Casey Peterson	<i>Motion to adjourn</i>	157

SDSTA Board Member Terms of Service, Committees and Schedule

Board Members and Terms of Service			
	Board Members	Appointed	Term Expires
1.	Dr. Ani Aprahamian	Re-appointed January 7, 2022	December 9, 2027
2.	Mr. Dana Dykhouse, Vice-Chair	Re-appointed August 15, 2020	August 14, 2026
3.	Mr. Linn Evans	Appointed January 28, 2026	August 8, 2027
4.	Ms. Patricia Lebrun, Secretary-Treasurer	Re-appointed August 8, 2022	August 8, 2028
5.	Mr. Roger Musick	Reappointed August 8, 2022	August 8, 2028
6.	Mr. Casey Peterson, Chair	Re-appointed December 1, 2021	August 8, 2027
7.	Mr. Ron Wheeler	Re-appointed April 28, 2020	April 9, 2026
8.	<i>Mr. Steve Elliott, ex officio member</i>	<i>Black Hills State University (BHSU) President</i>	
9.	<i>Dr. Brian Tande, ex officio member</i>	<i>South Dakota School of Mines & Technology (SD Mines) President</i>	
Committees and Members (2024-2025)			
	Nominating Committee Members (selected in March):	Audit Committee Members (selected in June):	
	➤ Dana Dykhouse	➤ Pat Lebrun-Chair	
	➤ Roger Musick	➤ Dana Dykhouse	
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		➤ Casey Peterson, ex officio	
2026 Board Schedule			
<u>SD Boards & Commissions Portal</u>			
	Thursday, March 19, 2026	8:00 am (MT)	SURF E&O Bldg
	Thursday, June 25, 2026 — Annual Meeting	8:00 am (MT)	Elevate Rapid City, 2 nd floor board room
	Thursday, September 17, 2026	8:00 am (MT)	Washington Pavilion, Sioux Falls, SD
	Thursday, December 10, 2026	8:00 am (MT)	SURF E&O Bldg

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