

South Dakota Science and Technology Authority Board of Directors
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 21, 2024
Lead, South Dakota

The Board of Directors of the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority (SDSTA) convened at 8:00 a.m. Mountain Time (MT) on Thursday, March 21, 2024, in the Education and Outreach (E&O) Building Conference Room at the SDSTA, 630 East Summit Street, Lead, South Dakota. A conference number was posted on the agenda with an invitation for members of the public to participate in the meeting in person or join by telephone or videoconference.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Ani Aprahamian (by videoconference)
Dr. Chris Fall (in person)
Secretary/Treasurer Patricia Lebrun (by videoconference)
Mr. Roger Musick (by videoconference)
Chairperson Casey Peterson (in person)
Dr. James Rankin, ex-officio (in person)
Mr. Ron Wheeler (by phone)

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD ABSENT

Mr. Dana Dykhouse
Mr. Steve Elliott, ex-officio

SDSTA STAFF PRESENT DURING ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Ms. Christine Burger, Human Resource Manager (in person)
Mr. Tim Engel, SDSTA General Counsel (in person)
Ms. Stacie Granum, The Institute Program Manager (in person)
Mr. Mike Headley, SDSTA Executive Director and SURF Laboratory Director (in person)
Dr. Jaret Heise, Science Director (in person)
Ms. Michelle Kane, SURF Foundation Director (in person)
Ms. Mandy Knight, Administrative Services Manager (in person)
Mr. Will McElroy, Deputy Director of Operations (in person)
Ms. Ann Metli, Communications Director (in person)
Mr. Terry Miller, Chief Financial Officer (in person)
Mr. Al Stratman, Engineering Director (in person)

ALSO PRESENT DURING ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING

Mr. Adam Gollofon, SURF Foundation Board Member (by phone)
Ms. Wendy Pitlick, Black Hills Pioneer Journalist (in person)
Mr. Joshua Willhite, Fermilab LBNF FSCF-BSI Project Manager (in person)
Dr. Robert Wilson, SURF Foundation Board Member (by phone)

ITEM 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Casey Peterson called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. (MT). Roll call was held.

Dr. Chris Fall, Chairperson Casey Peterson, and Dr. James Rankin were present in person. Ms. Lebrun, Mr. Roger Musick, and Mr. Wheeler joined via Zoom. Dr. Ani Aprahamian joined the meeting by videoconference at 8:05 a.m. Mr. Dana Dykhouse and Mr. Steve Elliott were absent. Chairperson Peterson then asked guests to introduce themselves. He said if any of the guests had any questions or

comments for the board to address, time will be given at the end of the agenda to discuss. No public comment forms were submitted.

ITEM 2. APPROVE AGENDA

Chairperson Peterson asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

Motion by Dr. Fall and seconded by Ms. Lebrun to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 3. APPROVE MINUTES

Chairperson Peterson asked if there were any comments on the December 14, 2023, Minutes. Hearing none, he asked for a motion to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion by Mr. Musick and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to approve the December 14, 2023, minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 4. GENERAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

Mr. Tim Engel invited members of the board to disclose anything that might be construed to be a conflict of interest with respect to items under consideration at today's meeting.

There were no disclosures.

ITEM 5. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE AND WAIVER UNDER SDCL CH. 3-23

Mr. Engel said, in regard to disclosures and waivers under SDCL Ch. 3-23, he polled the board members prior to the meeting and no disclosures were made.

ITEM 6. REPORT FROM AUDIT COMMITTEE

ITEM 6A. AUDIT REPORT-FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Ms. Lebrun said the audit report was presented to the Board at the December 14, 2023, meeting for discussion and it is now being presented for approval. Eide Bailly performed the independent audit and reviewed the policies and procedures—it was a clean audit.

Chairperson Peterson congratulated the SDSTA team for a clean audit.

Motion by Ms. Lebrun and seconded by Mr. Musick to accept the Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023, as reviewed and discussed at the December 14, 2023, board meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL REPORT—JANUARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SDSTA Chief Financial Officer Mr. Miller said financial statements for the January 31, 2024, reporting period were included in the board packet and consist of the Cooperative Agreement (CA) SPA Curve Analysis, Balance Sheet, Income Statements, and Comparatives. As of January, the SPA Curve shows actual cumulative expenses at \$103,000,000.00, which is lower than the budgeted \$105,000,000.00 by \$1,900,000.00. With Congress operating under a continuing resolution, critical upgrade projects were held back. Moving forward with SDSTA projects, this underrun will be spent by the end of federal FY2024.

He noted on the balance sheet, the balance of the SB35 appropriation of \$13,000,000.00 for 4850L expansion is \$11,800,000.00. SDSTA spent \$1,200,000.00 on long lead items Thyssen Mining Inc. (TMI) will need for the expansion work. He said the other current asset category has grown from the previous month by almost \$800,000.00 due to liability insurance and prepaids, as well as the owners interest policy (OIP) insurance premium for the Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE)

project. SDSTA is awaiting payment of Fermi Research Alliance, LLC's remaining share of the OIP premium.

Mr. Miller said on the income statement, the miscellaneous expenses and donations category includes assets recorded and purchased with CA dollars. Two big infrastructure improvement projects (IIPs), totaling approximately \$2,400,000.00, are the 3650 Level Pump Room project and the East Switchyard project.

In regard to the Comparative Balance Sheet, other accounts receivable has a large decrease from the prior year of \$2,700,000.00. This was primarily from the sale of excess xenon that was in receivables. Total Fixed Assets are higher by \$3,500,000.00 when comparing the two time frames. The large increase is from the Department of Energy property transfer and three IIPs: the Tuck-Pointing Roof Drain project, the East Switchyard project, and the purchase of the deep well pump and motor. He also noted there was an increase in depreciation expense of approximately \$1,900,000.00.

Reviewing the comparative income statement, labor expenses are larger due to additional new hires and salary increases over last year; benefits also increased as well as health insurance costs as SDSTA is paying for the employees' share of health insurance premiums. As an additional benefit, employees have the option to cash out up to 40 hours of earned vacation per year.

Lastly, Mr. Miller said the Operating Budget Analysis year-to-date is under budget by \$2,500,000.00 due to the SURF Artist-in-Residence program and the Center for Underground Theoretical Physics *and Related Areas (CETUP*) Workshop to be held this summer, as well as a shortage in staffing for the SURF Foundation and Quality Assurance/Quality Control Office. He then asked if there were any questions.

Chair Peterson asked what is the East Switchyard? Engineering Director Mr. Al Stratman responded that an old, vulnerable Homestake electrical power feeder line that ran along Kirk Canyon needed to be replaced with a new underground line that now runs below the Yates Yard to the electrical distribution substation.

Chair Peterson asked if there are other items other than the IIPs that are not capitalized? Mr. Miller replied there is nothing material apart from the IIPs. He also mentioned that the IIPs are capitalized at the end of each fiscal year in June.

Dr. Fall asked if the staff salary and benefit increases were the result of a comparative analysis? SDSTA Executive Director Mr. Mike Headley replied in the first CA, there was only a 2% escalation built in for labor costs. It was not predicted that regional inflation in a three-year period during COVID would total over 18% and the Consumer Price Index would be well over two percent—it has been a challenge. He said SDSTA had to creatively find ways to put more money into staff members pockets; one way is to reduce the amount of money employees pay for benefits. Mr. Headley said SDSTA recently upgraded the tool set used for salary analysis which provides national level data; it is a full-blown version of PayScale. Human Resources Manager Ms. Chris Burger concurred and said it is something SDSTA will continually monitor. The new system gives SDSTA real data about comparative value – the market value of positions. She said the team has done a full analysis on all positions and adjustments were made with the hope of more changes to come with the new CA.

Chairperson asked if there were any further questions and there were none.

Motion by Ms. Lebrun and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to accept the financial report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 7. SURF FOUNDATION STATUS UPDATE

SURF Foundation Director Ms. Michelle Kane began her presentation by reminding the Board the Foundation is SDSTA's nonprofit arm of SURF. The Foundation raises funds to support public outreach, working with grant makers, other foundations, corporate partnerships, businesses, families, and individuals who are passionate about activities at SURF. She said as shared at the last board meeting in December, the Foundation has started to categorize some of the programs and projects the Foundation supports. One of the programs is The Institute for Underground Science at SURF staffed by Program Manager Stacie Granum who started in late December 2023, and includes: 1) Neutrino Day scheduled for July 13—fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$25,000.00, with \$2,000.00 committed/secured. 2) Deep Talks: Monthly Public Science Talks at the Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center, October through April—the goal is \$5,500.00 and \$5,500.00 is secured for 2024. 3) Deep Roots: Monthly Public Science and Cultural Talks at the Sacred Garden and Sanford Lab Homestake Visitor Center, May through September—fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$2,000.00 in programming. 4) Artist-in-Residence (AiR) Program announcement was made in January 2024, fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$10,000.00.

Ms. Kane then highlighted Community Engagement & Events: 1) 2024 Internships—Fundraising outreach is happening now, the goal is \$30,000.00, and approximately \$6,000.00 is secured. 2) 2024 Davis-Bahcall Scholars Program—fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$25,000.00. 3) Teacher Professional Development—fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$25,000.00.

In regard to Education and Student Development, Ms. Kane briefly discussed: 1) The CETUP* Workshop to be held June 17 through July 22, 2024 in Lead—Dark Matter & Neutrino Physics focus, fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$100,000.00 with \$2,500.00 committed. She said there are 74 attendees registered for the workshop. 2) QuarkNet Conference is May 30 through June 3, 2024, at SURF—fundraising outreach is happening now, and the goal is \$2,000.00. She said this is a new program and SURF has invited ten lead science educators onsite for the first time.

Next, Ms. Kane mentioned the Friend of SURF Initiative and said the goal is to have a donor, a sponsor, or a SURF advocate in every state by the end of 2024. She pulled up a map of the USA and said she hoped to have a checkmark on every state as they expand their reach. She said they are working with past interns, past Davis Bahcall scholars, and researchers that have visited SURF, to reengage with them and get testimonials and stories to better promote the programming.

She concluded with goals for the next three months. The Foundation will continue to work with the SDSTA Communications Department to “sell” the story of SURF, fundraising drives for the programs discussed earlier, research available grant opportunities working with Ms. Granum on programs at the Institute, update the Foundation website as the new branding logo is launched, and improve the user experience by finding easier ways to donate.

Dr. Fall asked if there is a main sponsor for Neutrino Day and Ms. Kane replied Black Hills Energy has been a continual key sponsor. Dr. Fall also asked if DOE is a sponsor? Ms. Kane said no but further conversation should follow as to whether DOE could be a sponsor for Neutrino Day or one of the other programs mentioned during the presentation.

Mr. Wheeler asked if there is a financial statement for the SURF Foundation in the same form as SDSTA? Mr. Headley replied yes, and it has been provided to the SURF Foundation board. Mr. Headley said the Foundation statement will be included in the SDSTA quarterly board packets going forward and thanked Mr. Wheeler for the suggestion.

ITEM 9. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

ITEM 9A. SDSTA QUARTERLY UPDATE

Mr. Headley began his presentation with SURF highlights and said recent accomplishments include: 1) An achievement of 1,000,000 work hours across SDSTA staff, contractors, and researchers without a lost time injury—this is the first time for SDSTA. He said TMI achieved the same safety record with the excavation activities, which says a lot about the safety culture and performance at SURF.

2) The federal FY2024 budget which was recently adopted includes \$35,000,000.00 for SURF. Mr. Headley said the split is \$26,000,000.00 for day-to-day operations and \$9,000,000.00 for IIPs.

3) The 4850L Ross Station Brow excavation is completed. The Brow work raises the ceiling to be able to offload long materials for the cryostat and other work. He said TMI did a wonderful job and equipment demobilization is underway.

4) SDSTA is handling a significant number of loads to supply LBNF with concrete installation now that the excavation phase is complete.

5) Planning discussions continue with Building and Site Infrastructure and Far Detectors and Cryogenic Infrastructure teams. They will install the detectors, but SDSTA will play a big role in the logistics of moving all of the material underground.

6) Yates Shaft Top-down maintenance (TDM) is below the 1850L, and the crews are making great progress. SDSTA is working to establish access to the 1700L for Caterpillar.

7) The next five-year CA proposal was submitted in January and a successful DOE CA renewal site visit was held on March 4-7. The site visit focused primarily on getting the reviewers out on the site, both on the surface and underground. As they review the 500 plus page proposal that was submitted, it will help the reviewers to have context for the IIPs that were strongly emphasized, their prioritization, and why the IIPs are needed.

8) The 4850L expansion mobilization is underway, which Mr. Stratman will discuss in his presentation.

9) Mr. Headley stated Marty Two Bulls, Jr. has been selected as the 2024 Artist in Residence. He is a well-known Native American artist from Rapid City.

10) The Outreach & Culture Department is planning a Higher Education Workshop on April 4 with seven state institutions set to participate. Additionally, more outreach effort is happening with universities in the state. For example, SDSTA Science Director Dr. Jaret Heise and Mr. Headley met with Dakota State University earlier in the week to discuss expanding partnerships with work being done at SURF. Also, SD Mines President Dr. Rankin and Mr. Headley talked this morning and will have additional conversation this spring to learn if there are additional possibilities to partner with SD Mines.

11) Education & Outreach worked with 11,189 students, with a goal of 16,000 by the end of June. They have made great progress again this year.

12) 2024 CETUP* workshop planning is well underway with 74 participants registered as Ms. Kane mentioned earlier. Last year was a very successful effort, but SDSTA is planning for an even better conference this year with an additional week. Mr. Headley concluded with photos of the Ross Shaft progress and the Yates TDM progress.

Dr. Fall asked how much a Yates Shaft rebuild will cost? Mr. Headley said approximately \$200,000.00, which includes refurbishment of the hoists, a steel shaft, and 40% contingency.

Mr. Wheeler asked what was the cost to rebuild the Ross Shaft? Mr. Headley replied it was \$75,000,000.00, but it was self-performed. The Yates Shaft would not be self-performed.

Chairperson Peterson asked about the Tech Hub. The SDSTA is part of a consortium led by Elevate Rapid City; the consortium was awarded a \$500,000.00 Tech Hubs Strategy Development Grant through the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. The Tech Hubs Program, authorized by the CHIPS and Science Act, is investing in regional projects and aims to transform them into globally competitive innovation centers. Mr. Headley said the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been circulated among parties and a request for proposal will be advertised to select a consulting firm. Over an 18-month period, the consortium will work with a consultant to develop a proposal to get funding and designate the Black Hills as a Tech Hub. He noted that SDSTA plays a support role.

Mr. Headley answered additional questions and then Dr. Rankin congratulated the SDSTA team on the safety hours achievement.

ITEM 9B. 4850L EXPANSION CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Mr. Headley introduced SDSTA Engineering Director Mr. Al Stratman. He provided a presentation on the 4850L SURF Underground Laboratory Expansion and began by explaining the two phases that would develop cavern spaces for science: 1) Phase A: By-Pass Drift for ventilation, waste rock handling/access development, and set-up for Phase B mobilization. He said it is a six-month duration with a 2024 excavation timeframe and would not interrupt current science activities. 2) Phase B: Construction of two large science-detector caverns, utility areas, primary access drifts. He said the execution timeframe for Phase B is to be determined.

Mr. Stratman said key design parameters for Phase A include the following: 1) Provide isolation from existing Science/Operations during excavations. 2) Provide separate, uncontaminated ventilation for all users, plus considerations for future cavern excavation. 3) Plan for future cavern excavation, larger equipment, rock dump development, and access/mobilization. 4) Consider geotechnical impacts based upon the proximity of excavation to the Ross Shaft and Ross Ore Pass. 5) All muck generated by Phase A excavations will be stored underground. He pointed out there will be no skipping of material to the surface.

He discussed the By-Pass Drift Excavation Phases and said there are two phases to the actual operation. 1) Breakout Excavations – Shop, Muck Bay, Multi-niche. This is the early excavations that will occur. 2) Main By-Pass Drift & 18x18 Ore Pass development. He said this excavation moves towards the Ross. If there is funding available, the 12x13 East Drift extension will be extended. He said approximately 8,800 loose yards of material (8% overbreak) will be generated from the excavation. It will be stored in 17 Ledge and the material will be hauled using rail cars.

He reviewed key aspects of the Project Schedule Summary. 1) The Design/Planning Phase – 7 months, June – December 2023. 2) Early Procurements – 6 months, August 2023 – January 2024. 3) Construction Phase – 6 to 7 months, starting with mobilization in March, preparation, breakout excavation, primary excavation, demobilization and then close-out in October.

Mr. Stratman concluded his presentation with Project Status: 1) 100% Design Report was received in mid-January 2024. 2) TMI construction contract was awarded and a Notice to Proceed issued on February 21, 2024. 3) TMI onboarding training and mobilization was on March 14-16, 2024. 4) First shifts underground started on March 17, 2024, mobilizing equipment and supplies. He said the TMI workforce is 44 people; 12 people per shift and a 24-7 operation. He said it is a time and materials type contract and it is the best method of acquisition to reduce cost and manage the risk for a project like this.

Chairperson Peterson thanked Mr. Stratman.

ITEM 9C. LONG-BASELINE NEUTRINO FACILITY/DEEP UNDERGROUND NEUTRINO EXPERIMENT (LBNF/DUNE) UPDATE

Mr. Headley then introduced Far Site Conventional Facilities (FSCF BSI Project Manager Mr. Joshua Willhite. He said he has the pleasure of bragging a little bit today as Mr. Headley had alluded to earlier—LBNF has reached a substantial milestone with the completion of the drill and blast excavation for this phase of the project.

He began his presentation with an illustration of the “Big Picture”. He said the Long-Baseline Neutrino Experiment/Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (LBNF/DUNE) begins with an accelerator that exists at Fermilab in Batavia, IL (Near Site Facility) which will generate an intense beam of neutrinos that will travel through the earth to SURF (Far Site Facility). He said there are five subprojects: Two subprojects are at Fermilab: 1) NSCF+B – Near Site Conventional Facilities and 2) Beamline and ND – Near Detectors). Three subprojects are at the Lead site: 1) FSCF EXC – Far Site Excavation, which is nearly complete, 2) FSCF BSI – Far Site Building & Site Infrastructure and 3) FDC – Far Detectors and Cryogenic Infrastructure.

Mr. Willhite summarized the end goal is to study neutrinos by generating a beam of neutrinos at Fermilab outside of Chicago and detect those as they reach SURF in Lead, South Dakota. He showed a graphic of the LBNF DUNE experiment’s location on a map and gave an excavation overview explaining the enormous size of the excavations in the North/South Caverns and Central Utility Cavern. He said North Cavern will have 100% concrete poured next week. Worth noting, and one of the beauties of working at this site, is that they did not encounter any water that did not dry up within a matter of a couple of days working with these enormous excavations. He said this is a great benefit to science not to have to deal with water issues.

Mr. Headley gave a shout out to the SDSTA Communications Department, specifically Creative Services Lead Mr. Matt Kapust and Multimedia Specialist Mr. Stephen Kenny, for the incredible photos and footage of the DUNE site. Mr. Willhite referenced a video of the excavation site, which will be? was later forwarded to board members along with photos. He said the Ross Brow mentioned earlier was the last and one of the riskier parts of the excavation phase that ended well.

Mr. Willhite reviewed a few statistics regarding excavation quantities and then discussed the next phase, Building and Site Infrastructure (BSI) Status: 1) They expect to begin surface work in April as weather allows (site civil work around Ross Headframe). 2) They will mobilize underground as soon as concrete work is completed and TMI demobilizes their equipment in late July. 3) 87% of the scope has been proposed or awarded and there is a steady flow of submittals to order materials. 4) The priority will be to prepare the South Cavern for cryostat erection, such as the required installation of sprinklers, fire alarms, elevator, and overhead cranes.

He then reviewed the Far Detectors and Cryogenics (FDC) status: 1) Most of the cryostat steel has been fabricated, with much already starting its journey to South Dakota. 2) A warehouse has been established in Rapid City to store materials until ready for installation. 3) Final design for production is ongoing for cryogenic systems and detector components. 4) SDSTA is supporting test lifting of a model cryostat beam. He concluded his presentation with photos of steel, anode plane arrays for the detectors, and prototypes of cryostats at CERN. He answered a few questions and emphasized all this work was also done with a million hours of non-serious injuries, and he is very proud of that fact.

Mr. Musick asked if the LBNF/DUNE videos and photos were available? Links to the video and photos were forwarded to the board during the meeting.

Motion by Dr. Fall and seconded by Mr. Wheeler to accept the executive director’s report as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 10. SELECT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Chairperson Peterson said he asked Mr. Dykhouse and Mr. Musick to serve on the nominating committee. Mr. Musick confirmed his willingness to serve on the committee, and he is awaiting a response from Mr. Dykhouse. The nominating committee will report to the board at the June 20, 2024, annual board meeting when the election of officers will be held.

ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Dr. Fall to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters and to consult with legal counsel concerning contractual and legal matters as permitted by SDCL 1-25-2(1), (3) and (4), and SDCL 19-19-502. Motion passed unanimously.

The board recessed at 9:11 a.m. for a ten-minute break and then entered into executive session.

The board reconvened in open session at 10:29 a.m.

ITEM 12. REPORT FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairperson Peterson reported the board discussed personnel matters and consulted with legal counsel concerning legal and contractual matters. No action was taken.

Motion by Dr. Fall and seconded by Mr. Musick to approve the executive session report. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairperson Peterson noted that Dr. Rankin excused himself from a discussion during executive session due to a potential conflict.

ITEM 13. APPROVE RISK TRANSFER PROTOCOLS

Mr. Engel said the board approved a version of the Risk Transfer Protocols in June of last year. Since then, they were submitted to DOE and FRA, resulting in significant feedback and several requests for changes. He said in his opinion, most of the changes were procedural; there are not a lot of substantive changes which will result in increased risk for SDSTA. Changes were vetted with the SD Office of Risk Management and Colliers Insurance. The updated draft with all the changes was submitted in this board packet. Mr. Engel said if the board approves the risk transfer protocols today, the draft will be sent to DOE; DOE approval is required by virtue of the Land Lease with DOE. Upon DOE approval, the draft will be sent to Homestake as required by the PDA, with a 30-to-45-day deadline for review.

Motion Mr. Wheeler and seconded by Ms. Lebrun to approve the revised Risk Transfer Protocols manual as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 14. CONFIRM DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Chairperson Peterson reminded the board of the next meeting, scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 2024, at SURF in the Education & Outreach large conference room. He asked board members to reply regarding availability to confirm a quorum. Dr. Fall replied he will be unable to attend the June meeting.

ITEM 15. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairperson Peterson said he did not receive any public comment request forms and there were no questions.

ITEM 16. BOARD COMMENTS

Ms. Lebrun said she was in Sioux Falls for a function at the Washington Pavilion last week. She visited the water exhibit, and it was a joy watching the children play. (The SDSTA signed a five-year contract to sponsor a 1,000-foot space at the Washington Pavilion for the water exhibit). She then said the

progress being made at SURF is remarkable. Also, the scale of the caverns underground is mind-boggling. She commented the presentations by Mr. Stratman and Mr. Willhite were excellent.

Dr. Aprahamian said she has been following the progress at SURF and it is impressive.

Dr. Fall said it was a great discussion.

Mr. Musick said it was a good meeting and really likes the photos that were sent to the board.

Mr. Wheeler appreciated the good meeting.

Dr. Rankin said it was an informative meeting as always and reiterated that the safety record at SURF is impressive.

Mr. Headley thanked Ms. Knight for her assistance with the board meeting, Mr. Engel for his time with the state legislators, and the board for their continued support.

Chair Peterson thanked the board and the SDSTA team. He wished everyone good luck for the future and to keep up the great work.

ITEM 17. ADJOURN

Chairperson Peterson called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Mr. Musick and seconded by Dr. Fall to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m.