



CERA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 7, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM

Location: Virtual

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 11:34 AM.

Members present: Nikki Antonovich, Antwanisha Williamson, Kathy Gonzalez, Katie Gault, Greg West, Erin Gordon, Joe Valero.

Information and Upcoming Dates

- The Board reviewed upcoming meeting dates and logistics.
Board meetings occur during odd-numbered months and increase in frequency later in the year.
 - Confirmed schedule includes:
May 7, 2026 (Virtual)
Board Retreat: July 23–24, 2026 in Palm Desert
 - July 23 begins at 1:00 PM
 - July 24 includes breakfast at the hotel and concludes at approximately Noon
- Board members will be assigned abstracts for review prior to retreat and will participate in session slotting
- Weekly meetings on Tuesdays at 11:00 AM during October
Members were reminded to book travel for the retreat.
- The Board reviewed CERA 2026 shared folders, including the Google Drive, contract list, and committee assignments. Members were asked to verify name spellings and assignments.

Committee Reports

Communications

The newsletter will be distributed in May and will include reports from AERA provided by Antwanisha Williamson and Tina.

Conference

There are currently 11 registrations and 4 session proposals submitted. An invitation email will be sent to past presidents, including a registration code.

Sponsors

Outreach to new and returning sponsors will continue.

Awards

Darcy will accept the Lifetime Achievement Award on behalf of JT. Aimee Myers will coordinate accommodations with Darcy. Board members are reaching out to past presidents to assist in reviewing outstanding paper submissions.

Webinars

Recent webinar attendance was approximately 80–90 participants. Aimee Myers will edit and post the webinar recording. Joe Valero will contact CSIS regarding a July webinar on data governance. Additional webinar topics remain under consideration.

Data Visualization

The Data Visualization initiative will open in late summer.

Elections

Elections will be discussed at the Board Retreat. Antwanisha Williamson may have a graduate student candidate to present.

Marketing

LinkedIn and Facebook platforms have been established. Plans include creating a promotional video for the website and social media. Invitations to present will be sent to RAN. The next marketing meeting is scheduled for May 28 at 3:30 PM.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Nikki Antonovich and Joe Valero.

The motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:17 PM.