



Bridging Research, Data, and Practice

CERA Board Meeting Minutes

Date: January 29, 2026

Time: 8:32 AM – 9:43 AM

Location: Virtual

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:32 AM by Secretary Nikki Antonovich.

2. Roll Call / Attendees

Name	Position	Term	Attendance
Erin Roberts	Past President	2022–2026	No
Antwanisha Williamson	President	2023–2027	No
Greg West	Vice President	2024–2028	Yes
Nikki Antonovich	Secretary	2025–2029	Yes
Joe Valero	Treasurer	2025–2028	Yes
Kathy Gonzales	Board Member	2025–2029	Yes
Erin Gordon	Board Member	2025–2028	Yes
Katie Gault	Board Member	2025–2027	Yes
Christina Murdoch	Board Member	2025–2026	Yes
Aimee Myers	Executive Secretary	n/a	Yes

3. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report was presented and is available in the January board meeting folder. Conference costs were lower than projected, registrations increased at the last minute, and the overall budget improved due to conservative financial decisions in recent years. Outstanding payments are expected to be received.

4. Board Roles & Proposed Bylaw Changes

The Board discussed adding a California residency requirement at the time of election and updating voting procedures to occur during the conference. These proposed changes were referred to the Bylaws Committee.

5. Sponsor Levels – Final Review

Motion by Greg, seconded by Erin. Motion carried.

6. 2026 Budget Plan Review

Nikki and Joe presented the preliminary framework for the 2026 budget.

7. Attendance at the 2026 AERA Annual Meeting

Motion to send the President to represent CERA at the 2026 AERA Annual Meeting. Moved by Nikki, seconded by Joe Valero. Unanimous approval.

8. Outreach & Site Visit Stipend Proposal

The Board discussed developing a proposal that includes travel locations, strategy, and estimated costs. The proposal will be voted on at the next Board meeting.

9. Action Items

- President's Letter due January 15, 2026
- Sponsor levels to be finalized before January
- Motion to adopt Sched registration system: moved by Greg, seconded by Joe, unanimously approved.

10. 2026 Meeting Dates & Planning Items

- March 16, 2026 – In person at SCOE (8:30 AM–3:30 PM)
- May 7, 2026 – Virtual (11:30 AM–1:00 PM)
- July 23–24, 2026 – Two-day retreat, Palm Desert
- Greg will conduct a site visit to the Santa Barbara Hilton in early February.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Joe, seconded by Nikki. Meeting adjourned at 9:43 AM.