

MINUTES

ECASECS Executive Board Meeting

December 10, 2025 — Online Video Conference

1. Executive Secretary Kevin Cope called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm Eastern Standard Time. All current Members of the Executive Board attended.
2. The Board voted unanimously to elect Nancy Mace to the vacant seat on the Executive Board.
3. Leah Thomas and John Scanlan offered presentations concerning the venues for future annual conferences.
4. The Executive Board voted unanimously to designate Leah Thomas as the organizer of the 2026 annual conference, to be held in either September or November on or in the vicinity of Virginia State University.
5. Leah Thomas agreed to provide a full plan, budget, and vision statement for the conference by mid-January.
6. The Executive Board voted unanimously to designate John Scanlan as the organizer of the 2027 ECASECS conference, to be held either in New Haven, Connecticut or Providence, Rhode Island or any other city that he determines best suits the character and mission of our organization.
7. The Board also asked John Scanlan to develop an outreach plan whereby ECASECS might hold its 2027 conference jointly with its struggling neighbor organization, NEASECS.
8. During the New Business section of the meeting, James “Jim” May put forward a slate of proposals relating to the terms of ECASECS officers, the scheduling of the annual business meeting, and other constitutional matters, to be considered and voted upon during the business meeting preceding the 2027 conference. Jim will deliver written versions of these proposals to the Executive Board prior to the 2027 business meeting.
9. Kevin Cope opened a discussion concerning the asymmetry of resources between the ECASECS general account and the ECASECS Future Fund and about the erosion by inflation of uninvested ECASECS funds. Discussion ensued concerning the origins, purposes, and expenditure rate of the Future Fund. Two actions resulted from this discussion. First, the Board directed Kevin Cope to

investigate the investment options available to a small non-profit group like ECASECS. Second, Brett Wilson was asked to create an ad hoc committee to review and update the mission statement and statement of purposes for the Future Fund.

10. By unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 pm Eastern Standard Time.