

National Speleological Society, Inc.
Agenda of the Special Meeting of the Board of Governors

Virtual
06/29/26 – 8pm EST

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1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Sarah Arpin
Mike Backe
Zach Englebert
Pete Johnson
Miki Kalber
Mike Mansur
Nina Martin
Rebecca McNabb
Dennis Melko
Aria Mildice
Anna Pearce
Josh Schultz

2. Minutes to Approve

NONE

3. Division Head & Board Reports

4. Comments from the Membership

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. Schultz moves to approve NSS Museum Board Members

Rebecca McNabb (NSS #61475), NSS Board of Directors
Dr. Matthew L. Niemiller (NSS #53235), University of Alabama-Huntsville
Emily P. Davis (NSS #62810, Conservation & Science Division Head)
Dr. Annette Engel (NSS #31319), NSS Executive Director

6. New Business

6.1. Arpin moves to rescind the motion adopted on March 14, 2026, authorizing a \$190,000 promissory note from the Beech Fund to fund museum costs upon signing of a lease agreement with the NSS Cave and Natural History Museum.

This motion is based on the following rationale:

1) The proposal moved forward before the Board had sufficient information to evaluate long-term risks and obligations.

2) The Board determined that current NSS priorities and resources are better directed toward existing organizational needs.

3) The Board remains supportive of museum and educational initiatives in principle but believes additional planning and due diligence are necessary before making a financial commitment of this scale.

7. Closed Session

8. Adjournment