

Erin DeSilva

Erin DeSilva is seeking election to the NERCOMP Board of Trustees in 2026. In her current role at Dartmouth, she leads a multidisciplinary team of learning designers, media specialists, and educational technologists who partner with faculty to design courses and manage the technology that sustains student learning. Before her time at Dartmouth, she served other NERCOMP member schools as an Instructional Designer at Brown University and as an Educational Technologist at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where she trained faculty, built courses, and provided front-end infrastructure support. Erin has been part of the higher education technology community since 2009.

Since joining NERCOMP in those early days, Erin has facilitated special-interest groups, delivered professional-development sessions, and served on the conference program committee—including chairing the 2022 Annual Conference. Since 2021, she has been a board member, chairing the Governance Committee and serving on the Leadership Ecosystem, Professional Development, and Vendor & Licensing Committees, which have given her deep insight into member needs and enabled collaborative advocacy with corporate partners. She has served as Board secretary this current year, helping to steer NERCOMP's strategic and operational priorities.

Erin's various roles have empowered her to understand the strategic, operational, and fiscal constraints facing information technology in the higher education landscape, including oversight of online and digital learning strategy, development of college-wide standards for quality and accessibility, and partnership with external learning providers. Her eighteen years of experience collaborating across IT, library, and executive leadership circles, combined with her current responsibilities for licensing, staff development, cross-campus collaboration, and financial planning, align directly with the needs of the NERCOMP Board.

If elected in 2026, Erin will bring the following to the NERCOMP community:

- Data-informed strategic planning: Erin will continue to draw on members' identified needs and priorities in an increasingly resource-constrained environment to ensure that an excellent student experience remains achievable for member schools.
- Institution-wide leadership perspective – Erin will champion consistent quality and accessibility standards across NERCOMP member institutions.
- Operational and fiscal insight – Her familiarity with budgeting, resource planning, and financial modeling for large-scale projects, both within Dartmouth and as a NERCOMP Board member, will inform sustainable initiatives and cost-effective vendor negotiations.
- Innovation and partnership development – Leveraging experience with systems and partners, she will promote pilots and alliances that expand resources while protecting institutional autonomy.
- Community cohesion – With a proven track record of uniting administrators, IT, and library professionals, Erin will continue to build inclusive spaces for emerging practitioners and seasoned leaders alike.

Erin remains a grateful beneficiary of NERCOMP's member services and a steadfast believer in the consortium's capacity to uplift individuals while driving systemic innovation. If elected, she will apply her strategic, operational, and collaborative expertise to advance NERCOMP's mission and ensure the community thrives in an ever-evolving higher-education landscape.