

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Minutes  
Approved March 6, 2016**

February 6, 2016  
Virtual Meeting - 9:30 a.m. EST

**1.1 Call to Order**

President Antonis Katsiyannis called to order the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors at 9:31 a.m. EDT.

**2.0 Record of Attendance; Determination of Quorum**

Board Secretary Alexander T. Graham called the roll. A quorum of the following Directors was present:

Antonis Katsiyannis  
Mikki Garcia  
Jim Heiden  
Sharon Raimondi  
Joni Baldwin  
Jennifer Britton  
Jannis Floyd  
Andrea Jasper  
Jennifer Lesh  
Kim Moffett  
Jane Quenneville  
Claudia Rinaldi  
Anne Sloboda  
Jonathan Stout  
George Van Horn  
Phyllis Wolfram  
Mickie Wong-Lo

The following Directors were not present: Yvonne Bui and Ed Schultz

**3.0 Adoption of Board Business Meeting Agenda**

**MOTION:** Anne Sloboda moved to adopt the agenda. Mikki Garcia seconded.

**Motion passed.**

#### **4.0 Consent Agenda**

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**MOTION:** Joni Baldwin moved to adopt the consent agenda. Jane Quenneville seconded.

**Motion passed.**

#### **5.0 President's Report**

Presidents Antonis Katsiyannis informed the Board that he was in the process of appointing members to the IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup; that he intends to establish a workgroup to assess CEC's governance during the coming year; and that he will be attending the Michigan CEC Convention in March.

#### **6.0 Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director provided updates on the following: efforts to sub-lease CEC's office space; a webinar for units and divisions on February 11, 2015, 4 -5 p.m. to update them about happenings at CEC; exhibiting and participating in unit conferences (Manitoba February 17-19 and Michigan March 2-4; the 2016 Special Education Legislative Summit (July 10-13), co-sponsored again this year with the Council of Administrators of Special Education; professional development activities, including the 2016 webinar series, Teaching Exceptionally podcast series and regional workshop planning; and staffing.

Graham also informed the Board that long-time member, volunteer leader and presenter, Donna Wandry will be spending her sabbatical from West Chester University working on various projects in the Policy Department.

#### **7.0 Financial Reports (Raimondi/Evans)**

Treasurer Sharon Raimondi and Controller Craig Evans reviewed the 2015 year-end financials and provided a brief status report regarding the 2015 audit.

#### **8.0 Nominations Standing Committee**

Immediate Past President Jim Heiden informed the Board about vacancies for 2017 and reminded Board members that they cannot provide letters of recommendation for applicants.

#### **8.1 Student Board Member**

**MOTION:** Jim Heiden moved appoint Kaitlyn Brennan to the position of Student Member of the Board of Directors, effective immediately and ending December 31, 2016, to fill the vacancy created by Lauren Delisio's resignation. Joni Baldwin seconded.

**Motion passed.**

## **9.0 Committee Year-End Reports**

The Board received year-end reports from all of CEC's committees. Anne Sloboda noted that the report posted for the Canadian/US Committee was not the final version. The final report will be posted as a discussion item following the meeting.

### **10.1 Educators with Disabilities Policy Workgroup Final Report**

The Board voted to approve the Educators with Disabilities Policy. However, because there was no written motion submitted or final report submitted with the draft policy, the vote to approve will be ratified online with a formal written motion. A final report, for the record, will be submitted to the Board, at its April meeting.

### **11.0 CEEDAR Center High Leverage Practices Update**

Deb Ziegler, Director of Policy and Advocacy, provided a brief update on the High Leverage Practices workgroup and indicated that its draft final report will be the discussion topic at the April 15 Representative Assembly meeting.

### **12.1 2016 Convention Update**

Carol Serrano, Director of Meetings and Conventions, and Diane Shinn, Directors of Marketing and Communications, provided an update on registration numbers, program highlights and promotion.

### **12.2 2017 Convention Co-Chair Appointment**

**MOTION:** Jennifer Lesh moved to appoint Claudia Rinaldi to replace Doug Cheney in the position of CEC Convention Program Co-Chair for the 2017 convention, due to Cheney's retirement. Jannis Floyd seconded.

**Motion passed.**

### **12.3 2019, 2020 & 2021 Site Selection**

**MOTION:** Anne Sloboda moved that CEC staff engage in final negotiations with Baltimore, Indianapolis and Portland for Convention & Expo venues for 2019, 2020 and 2021. Jane Quenneville seconded.

**Motion passed.**

### **13.0 Membership Strategy Review**

Michael Fantus, Director of Membership Development and Engagement, provided the Board with an update on membership statistics, initiatives, demographics and characteristics based on a market penetration study done by [Market Data Retrieval](#) (MDR).

#### **14.0 Operationalizing the Strategic Plan**

Executive Director Alex Graham provided a review of the 2015-2017 Strategic Plan in preparation for a more thorough discussion at the April Board meeting. There will be an update on progress made, objectives will be reviewed and refined, strategies and tactics will be developed and any impacts to annual business plan and budget identified relative to the goal “Educators will be highly competent professionals entrusted to provide quality instruction that will enable all students to pursue their full potential.”

#### **15.0 New Business**

There was no new business.

#### **16.0 For the Good of the Order and Adjournment**

President Katsiyannis adjourned the meeting at 1:23 p.m. EST.