

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Conference Call Meeting

**December 17, 2015
3:00 p.m. EDT**

Minutes

(Approved February 6, 2016)

1.0 Call to Order

President Jim Heiden called to order the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors at 3:01 p.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:

Jim Heiden
Robin Brewer
Antonis Katsiyannis
Sharon Raimondi
Joni Baldwin
Jennifer Britton
Yvonne Bui
Jannis Floyd
Annette Gaitan
John Hess
Laural Jackson
Debbie Metcalf
Jane Quenneville
Claudia Rinaldi
Scott Sparks
George Van Horn

Claudia Rinaldi joined the meeting at 3:07. Anne Sloboda joined the meeting at 3:15.

The following Directors were not present: Lauren Delisio and Phyllis Wolfram.

3.0 Adoption of Board Business Meeting Agenda

MOTION: Debbie Metcalf moved to adopt the agenda. Jane Quenneville seconded.

Motion passed.

4.0 Consent Agenda

4.1 October 31 – November 1, 2015 Meeting Minutes

4.2 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation

MOTION: Robin Brewer moved to adopt the consent agenda. Joni Baldwin seconded.

Motion passed with minutes approved as amended.

5.0 Financial Update - November Financials

Treasurer Sharon Raimondi and Controller Craig Evans reviewed the September financials.

6.0 Information Systems Upgrade

MOTION: Anne Sloboda moved to liquidate funds in the amount of \$307,500 from CEC's long-term investments in order to fund a 3-part information system upgrade (association management, learning management and financial management systems). Debbie Metcalf seconded.

Motion passed.

7.0 Policy Manual Revisions

MOTION: John Hess moved to accept the proposed revisions to the CEC Policy Manual to: reflect current operational practices; eliminate redundancies; clarify or simplify language; and remove items that are not policy, as presented by the Bylaws Workgroup;

Further moved that CEC staff, in consultation with the Board Secretary, is authorized to correct any spelling, grammatical, punctuation and formatting errors or inconsistencies (e.g., "state/provincial" instead of "state or provincial") that may be identified after approval of the revisions.

Jannis Floyd seconded.

Motion passed.

8.0 IDEA Reauthorization Workgroup

MOTION: Antonis Katsiyannis moved to establish an IDEA Reauthorization Recommendations Workgroup to solicit input from the membership to develop CEC's IDEA reauthorization principles and recommendations;

Further moved, that the Workgroup be comprised of ten (10) members, to be named and appointed by the President, and that the Executive Director and Director of Policy and Advocacy will be ex-officio members of the workgroup.

Further moved, that the workgroup solicit input from CEC's CAN Coordinators, State/Provincial Unit and Division leaders, the Representative Assembly, and a Town Hall at the CEC 2016 Convention.

Further moved, that the workgroup shall commence its work by March 1, 2016, provide an interim report to the Board in July 2016 and complete its charge in time for the Board of Directors to consider and take action on the Workgroup's final report and recommendations by January 2017.

Anne Sloboda seconded.

Motion passed.

9.0 Bright Futures Proposal

MOTION: Jennifer Britton moved to establish a Bright Futures workgroup and to appoint Mary Ruth Coleman and Bill Bogdan as co-chairs.

Further moved, that the Bright Futures Workgroup be comprised of up to nine (9) members, to be named and appointed by the President, and that the Executive Director will be an ex-officio member of the workgroup.

Further moved, that the Bright Futures Work Group be charged with serving as facilitators and advisors to the Bright Futures study with oversight responsibilities for helping to secure funding for study, select the study team, review study procedures/instruments/analysis, support dissemination of findings, and assist in creating a forward-thinking plan of action as an outcome of the study.

Further moved, that the workgroup shall commence its work by February 1, 2016; provide an interim report to the Board in July 2016; and complete its charge in time for the Board of Directors to consider and take action on the Workgroup's final report and recommendations by November 2016 for implementation by 2017.

Anne Sloboda seconded.

Motion failed.

10.0 New Business

There was no new business.

11.0 Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session at 4:07 to discuss legal, personnel or financial matters, and came out of Executive Session at 4:13.

12.0 For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

President Heiden adjourned the meeting at 4:13 p.m. EST.