

Welcome to *Board Brief*, a summary of recent decisions and actions from the CEC Board of Directors. The following is a summary of key outcomes/actions from the March 1, 2023, Board of Directors meeting.

### **DEIA Initiatives**

#### **“New” Diversity Committee**

Approved the re-establishment of a Diversity Committee. It is charged to provide leadership and guidance in reviewing, recommending, and developing CEC programs and resources that are supportive to CEC members and, particularly those impacting historically underserved and underrepresented populations. These populations include but are not limited to individuals identified by race, ethnicity, culture, language, dialect, national origin, gender, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, religion, socioeconomic status, and/or ability.

The call for applications will be announced in the coming weeks in *Special Education Today*.

#### **Emerging Special Education Leaders of Color Academy**

Approved establishing an Emerging Special Education Leaders of Color Academy, as recommended by Project 20/20. The academy will begin in January 2024 and will consist of 10-12 members.

The implementation of an Emerging Special Education Leaders of Color Academy will increase engagement of diverse members and provide members in the profession with opportunities to connect with divisions and units and enhance broad leadership skills, which has the potential to retain recipients as long-term members of CEC.

Its goals are:

- To prepare CEC members from racially/ethnically minoritized groups for leadership positions within CEC and beyond.
- To provide focused programming to build and enhance leadership skills.
- To develop future CEC volunteer leaders who create ideas and solutions and support anti-racism, inclusivity, and equity within the field of special education.

### **Policy & Advocacy**

Adopt the Legislative Priorities for the remainder of the 118th Congress, as recommended by the Policy Steering Committee. The [website](#) will be updated soon with these new priorities.

### **Journal Editor Appointments**

Appointed Pamela Williamson, Shaqwana Freeman-Green, and Kyena Cornelius as co-editors of *TEACHING Exceptional Children* for the period July 2023 through June 2027.

Appointed Kathleen King-Thorius, Endio Lindo, Patricia Martinez-Alvarez, and Amanda L. Sullivan as co-editors of *Exceptional Children* for the period July 2023 through June 2027.

**Questions?** Contact Executive Director [Chad Rummel](#).