

Welcome to *Board Brief*, a summary of recent decisions of the CEC Board of Directors, as well as updates on the work of CEC's committees from their required reports to the board (not including any actions taken by the board based on a motion from a committee and noted below).

Following is a summary of an online vote in February 2024 board meeting, and key outcomes the March 13, 2024, board meeting. Committee updates from year-end and interim reports appear after approved motions.

### **Policy & Advocacy**

CEC issues positions statements on topics that are of wide concern to our community. These statements build consensus using research and evidence-based practice.

The Position Statement on **Promoting Positive and Equitable Outcomes for All Children and Youth with Disabilities in All Educational Settings** was approved, as recommended by the Policy Steering Committee:

In addition to reviewing federal laws and relevant regulations, the Policy Steering Committee sought and incorporated member input on the draft position statements in February 2024.

These position statements will be available on the [CEC website](#) in the coming weeks.

### **Committees**

Appointed Joseph DeMarsh and David Peyton to the position of CEC Convention Program Advisory Committee Co-Chairs for the [2025 and 2026 conventions](#).

### **Awards and Recognitions**

Voted to name a recipient of CEC's **Impact Award**, which recognizes an individual or community/corporate organization that has had an impact on CEC's strategic work and/or the field of special education. The identity of the recipient is withheld pending presentation of the award

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Approved the following recommended individuals as recipients of a **Legacy Proclamation**, which honors an outstanding CEC member who has led and contributed to The Council's various units, divisions, and national governing bodies and has significantly influenced the field throughout a lifelong career.

Jamie Hopkins  
John Wills Lloyd  
James M. Patton (posthumous)  
Landis M. Stetler (posthumous)  
Jennifer A. Tong (posthumous)

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**Committee Updates (Year-End [July – December])**

**Division Relations Committee**

- Selected five cross-division collaborations to receive an Interdivision Grant, which were approved by the Board in November 2023.

**Yes I Can Committee**

- Selected recipients of the 2025 Yes I Can Awards

<b>Academics</b>	Helena Donato-Sapp	Long Beach, CA
	Willow Townsend	Elkhart, In
<b>Arts</b>	Korok Biswas	Kolkata, West Bengal, India
	Zachary LaViola	Austin, TX
<b>School &amp; Community</b>	Noah Lyvers	Hodgenville, KY
	Mary Ogbo	Jamaica, Queens, NY
<b>Self-Advocacy</b>	Jorja Carrothers	Portage la Prairie, BC
	Owen Delatte	Thibodaux, LA
<b>Technology</b>	KyRen Johnson	Bastrop, LA
	Josemaria Romo	Riverside, CA
<b>Transition</b>	Rebecca Robertson	Louisville, KY
	Liana Torres	Owings Mills, MD

**Leadership Development Committee (LDC)/Leadership Development Program Subcommittee (LDPS) (“Quarterly”)**

- The LDC Call for Applications Status is as follows:

March 4	Slating; scheduled meeting
March 25-28 and April 1-4	Interviews
April 15 meeting	Final Slating

- The Call for Applications for the Leadership Development Program Subcommittee went out on February 23, 2024, in *Special Education TODAY*. The deadline for receipt of applications is April 1, 2024.
- The Call for Applications for the Board of Directors will be announced the first week in April. The deadline for Phase 1 of the application is scheduled for Monday, April 29.

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