

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 4, 2025  
Virtual  
Minutes

(Approved March 12, 2025)

**1.0. Call to Order and Official Items**

**1.1 Call to Order**

President Julie Bost called the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. ET.

**1.2 Record of Attendance and Determination of Quorum**

Executive Director Chad Rummel called the roll. A quorum of the following Directors was present:

Bost, Julie (P)  
Tillotson, Ben (PE)  
Thompson, Kareem (IPP)  
Adl, Anna  
Braddock, Amy  
Cartagena, Sacha  
Diliberto, Jennifer  
Lewis, Concetta  
Mixon, Toni  
Otheim, Wendy  
Owiny, Ruby  
Rivera, Mabel  
Smith-Dixon, Zelfphine

Not present: Radha Bala, Jennifer Lesh (T)

**1.3 Adoption of Agenda (\*) (Bost)**

**MOTION:** Anna Adl moved to approve the agenda

Ruby Owiny seconded.

**Motion passed.**

## **2.0. “Policy” Items (Public or Operational)**

### **2.1 Professional Standards and Practice Committee (PSPC) Recharter Discussion**

In 2018, a Governance Workgroup developed recommendations in three specific areas regarding committees. The one that is relevant to this discussion is the lifespan or tenure of the committee.

The workgroup recommended that all CEC advisory committees go through a periodic recharter process. The board would review each recharter application, similar to the application needed to establish a committee, to determine the relevance and need of the advisory committee to support the mission and strategic plan.

The purpose of the review is to determine whether there is a genuine need for the committee and, if so, determine if the committee is effectively performing to meet that need, not to terminate those committees which are sufficiently meeting a recognized organizational need and which are accountable, and responsive to, the interests of CEC and/or its members. Rather, the purpose is to use the review mechanism to strengthen and support committees.

For each review, the board can recommend one of three alternatives: continue without modification; continue with modification; or termination.

However, In August 2024, the board passed a motion to revise the process from simply having committees submit their recharter application to the board. Specifically:

Several months prior to each committee’s recharter, the board will meet with the chair/co-chairs, staff liaison, and, if possible, incoming chair/co-chairs to discuss the charge and work of the committee, recent successes and challenges, and any recommendations they may have as to any changes to those that should be made, as well as to any designated deliverables, and the size and/or structure of the committee. For example, an increase or decrease in size, having designated positions within the committee (e.g., by professional role or “area of expertise.”).

This meeting will provide the opportunity to collect information about the committee and its work so that the board, as a whole, can better assess any potential changes to its charge, deliverables, size/composition, or continued operation. It is also an opportunity to recognize the work being done, offer suggestions, and update procedures.

This is the first time the board and a committee have gone through this new process.

The board had a separate discussion following the meeting with Dr. Berlinghoff and Mr. Duncan. Feedback will be provided to them for their preparation of the PSPC rechart, due to the board at its July 2025 meeting.

### **2.2 Approval of Proposed Bylaws Revisions (PE Eligibility & Officer Slating) (\*)**

**MOTION:** Toni Mixon moved to the motion to approve the revisions to the Bylaws regarding the eligibility to run for President Elect and the process for President Elect and Treasurer slating and selection by removing the responsibility from the Leadership Development Committee.

Ben Tillotson seconded.

**Motion passed.**

### **2.3 Position on the Prevention of and Response to Maltreatment (\*)**

**MOTION:** Kareem Thompson moved the motion to approve the revised Position on the Prevention of and Response to Maltreatment, as recommended by the Policy Steering Committee.

Because this was a motion from a committee, no second was necessary.

**Motion passed.**

### **3.0. Discussion Items**

#### **3.1 Revised Interdivisional Grant Proposal (\*)**

**MOTION:** Kareem Thompson moved the motion to approve the recipient for the 2025 Interdivisional Grants, as recommended by the Division Relations Committee.

Because this was a motion from a committee, no second was necessary.

**Motion did not pass.**

#### **3.2 Legacy Proclamation and Necrology Committee (LPNC) Response to Board**

The Board was provided with the opportunity to give input on the LPNC's response to questions raised at the November board meeting when considering the motion to approve its recommendations for recipients of a Legacy Proclamation.

The recommendations from the board to the committee were:

- a 5-year limit after the date of passing for the issuance of a posthumous LP, which is the time limit the House of Representatives uses when considering posthumous awards.
- to consider the appropriateness of awarding an LP to individuals who have previously received a Courtesy Resolution through the former Representative Assembly.

The LPNC recommended a seven-year time limit for posthumous LPs given that it sometimes takes time for the impact of an individual's work to be recognized. For various reasons, the committee felt that it would not be appropriate to disqualify a member from receiving recognition through the Legacy Proclamation if they had previously been honored with a Courtesy Resolution.

The board accepted the recommendations but may revisit the issues in the future.

### **4.0 Convention Briefing**

Executive Director, Chad Rummel, provided an overview of events and, as relevant, roles and responsibilities, and gave the opportunity to board members to ask questions.

**5.0 New Business**

There was no new business.

**6.0 For the Good of the Order and Adjournment**

Without objection, President Bost adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. ET.

**CEC Board of Directors  
Voting Record**

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<b>Motion</b>				
<b>Member</b>	<b>Agenda</b>	<b>Bylaws Revisions – PE Eligibility/Officer Slating</b>	<b>Maltreatment Position</b>	<b>Revised Interdivisional Grant Proposal</b>
Bost, Julie (P)	A	Y	A	A
Tillotson, Ben (PE)	Y	Y	Y	N
Thompson, Kareem (IPP)	Y	Y	Y	N
Lesh, Jenn (T)	O	O	O	O
Adl, Anna	Y	Y	Y	N
Bala, Radha	O	O	O	A
Braddock, Amy	Y	Y	Y	N
Cartagena, Sacha	Y	Y	Y	N
Diliberto, Jennifer	O	Y	Y	N
Lewis, Concetta	Y	Y	Y	N
Mixon, Toni	Y	Y	Y	N
Otheim, Wendy	Y	Y	Y	N
Owiny, Ruby	Y	Y	Y	A
Rivera, Mabel	Y	Y	Y	A
Smith-Dixon, Zelfhine	Y	Y	Y	O
<b>YES (Y)</b>	11	13	12	0
<b>NO (N)</b>	0	0	0	9
<b>ABSTAIN (A)</b>	1	0	1	4
<b>ABSENT (O)</b>	3	2	2	2
<b>OUTCOME</b>	P	P	P	F