



Welcome to *Board Brief*, a summary of recent decisions of the [CEC Board of Directors](#). Following are key actions from the February 24 and March 12, 2025, Board of Directors meeting.

Mission & Vision: CEC Resolution Confirming Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility

As an organization that has championed equitable education for over a century, CEC remains steadfast in its mission to ensure individuals with disabilities receive the high-quality education they deserve.

Recognizing the current challenges surrounding DEIA initiatives, the Board passed a resolution affirming its dedication to fostering an inclusive and equitable community within CEC and the broader field of special education. This resolution outlines CEC’s ongoing work to support education professionals, advocate for individuals with disabilities, and build networks that promote diversity, equity, inclusivity, and accessibility in education.

You can read the resolution in full [here](#).

Bylaws

Following a 30-day member comment period after the initial approval of proposed changes to the bylaws, the Board of Directors approved a motion to revise the slating and selection process for President Elect and Treasurer.

The following changes were approved.

President Elect Eligibility and Slating:

<p>Article 5, “Board of Directors” Section 1, “Composition” Subpoint B</p>	<p>Remove “Thought Leaders are voting members of the Board but are not eligible to become officers.”</p>
<p>Article 5, “Board of Directors” Section 3, “Selection of Members of the Board of Directors” point B</p>	<p>Change “<i>The President Elect shall be either an existing board member and be in their last year of their term on the board or will have served on the board within the past seven years at the time of application</i>” to “<i>Nominees for President Election must 1) be current Board members who have completed one year of service at time of application, OR 2) have served on the Board within the past seven years at the time of application, OR 3) a member in good standing who meets the required Knowledge, Skills and Abilities as defined by the Board at the time of application.</i>”</p>

Article 5, "Board of Directors" Section 3, "Selection of Members of the Board of Directors" Subpoint B	Append <i>"The President Elect will be appointed by simple majority of the board from a slate of at least two candidates."</i> With <i>"in a process overseen by the Immediate Past President."</i>
Article VI, "Officers" Section 2, "Succession of Officers" Subpoint B	Change <i>"Within 90 days after the vacancy occurs, pursuant to Article V, Section 3. of the Bylaws, the Leadership Development Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors two candidates for appointment to complete the remainder of the term"</i> to <i>"Within 90 days after the vacancy occurs, pursuant to Article V, Section 4 of the Bylaws, the Immediate Past President, in consultation with the remaining officers, will provide a slate of at least two candidates to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy."</i>

Treasurer Slating:

Article 5, "Board of Directors" Section 3, "Selection of Members of the Board of Directors" Subpoint C	Append <i>"The Treasurer will be appointed by a simple majority of the board from a slate of at least two candidates."</i> With <i>"in a process overseen by the Immediate Past President."</i>
Article 5, "Board of Directors" Section 4, "Terms of Office and Succession" Subsection C, "Removal and Vacancies" Subpoint 3	Change <i>"If a vacancy occurs in the position of the Treasurer, the Leadership Development Committee will recommend to the Board of Directors two candidates for appointment to complete the remainder of the term."</i> to <i>"If a vacancy occurs in the position of the Treasurer who has more than six months remaining in their term, the Immediate Past President will, within 90 days, in consultation with the remaining officers, provide a slate two candidates to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy. For a vacancy with less than six months remaining in the term, the President may appoint a current Member of the Board to serve as Acting Treasurer to complete the term."</i>

Policy & Advocacy

Adopted CEC's Legislative Priorities for the 119th Congress.

Approved the revised Position on the Prevention of and Response to Maltreatment, as recommended by the Policy Steering Committee.

The position statement will be available [here](#) in the coming weeks.

Committees

Appointed Jennifer Webb, Ph.D., and Jessica Purdue, B.S., to the position of CEC Convention Program Advisory Committee Co-Chairs for the 2026 and 2027 conventions. Dr. Webb is Chair of the Department of Education and an Associate Professor at Malone University in Canton, OH. Ms. Purdue is a math intervention specialist with Clinton-Massie Local Schools in Clarksville, OH.

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