

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

March 13, 2025
Baltimore, MD
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Minutes
(Approved July 12, 2025)

1.0 Call to Order and Official Items

1.1 Call to Order (Bost)

President Julie Bost called the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors to order at 9:53 a.m. ET.

1.2 Record of Attendance and Determination of Quorum (Rummel)

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

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

1.3 Adoption of Agenda (*) (Bost)

MOTION: Sacha Cartagena moved to approve the agenda.

Ruby Owiny seconded.

Motion passed.

2.0 Mega Issue-Related Items

There were no motions made.

3.0 “Policy” Items (Public or Operational)

3.1 CEC’s Updated Policy Priorities – 119th Congress (*)

MOTION: Ben Tillotson moved to adopt the Legislative Priorities for the 119th Congress as amended.

Ruby Owiny seconded.

Motion passed.

Amendments:

Remove “that strengthen the educator pipeline” from the second bullet in #2.

Add the following to #4.

- Monitor and support Units to advocate on state-level initiatives that impact infants, toddlers, children, and youth with disabilities and/or gifts and talents

3.2 CEC’s DEIA Principles

MOTION: Ben Tillotson moved the motion to approve CEC’s Resolution Confirming Commitment to Diversity, Equity, Inclusivity, and Accessibility, as amended

Sacha Cartagena seconded.

Motion passed.

4.0 Discussion Items

4.1 2026-27 Convention Program Advisory Committee Co-Chairs (*)

MOTION: Anna Adl moved to the motion to appoint Jennifer Webb and Jessica Purdue to the position of CEC Convention Program Advisory Committee Co-Chairs for the 2026 and 2027 conventions.

Jennifer Diliberto seconded.

Motion passed.

4.2 IDEA 50th Anniversary Workgroup

The workgroup provided an update on is charge to develop a strategy (or strategies) to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of IDEA between now and the [2026 Convention](#).

4.3 Family Partnerships Workgroup Update (*)

MOTION: Kareem Thompson moved to extend the deadline of the workgroup to July 2025.

Toni Mixon seconded.

Motion passed.

5.0 Reports / Pro Forma Items

- 5.1 Consent Agenda (*) (Bost)
 - 5.1.1 Meeting Minutes
 - 5.1.1.a November 2024 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 5.1.1.b February 2025 Board Meeting Minutes
 - 5.1.2 Committee/Workgroup Reports
 - 5.1.2.a Finance and Audit Standing Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.b Leadership Development Committee (Quarterly)
 - 5.1.2.c Diversity Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.d Division Relations Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.e Fundraising and Development Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.f Honors Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.g Policy Steering Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.h Professional Standards and Practice Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.i Publications Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.2.j Student and Early Career Committee (Interim)
 - 5.1.2.k Yes I Can Committee (Year-End)
 - 5.1.3 Officer Reports
 - 6.1.4.1 President
 - 6.1.4.2 Executive Director
 - 6.1.4.3 President Elect
 - 6.1.4.4 Immediate Past President

MOTION: Ruby Owiny moved to approve the consent agenda.

Toni Mixon seconded.

Motion passed.

5.2 Treasurer's Reports

5.2.1 2024 Year-End Financials (Lesh/Evans)

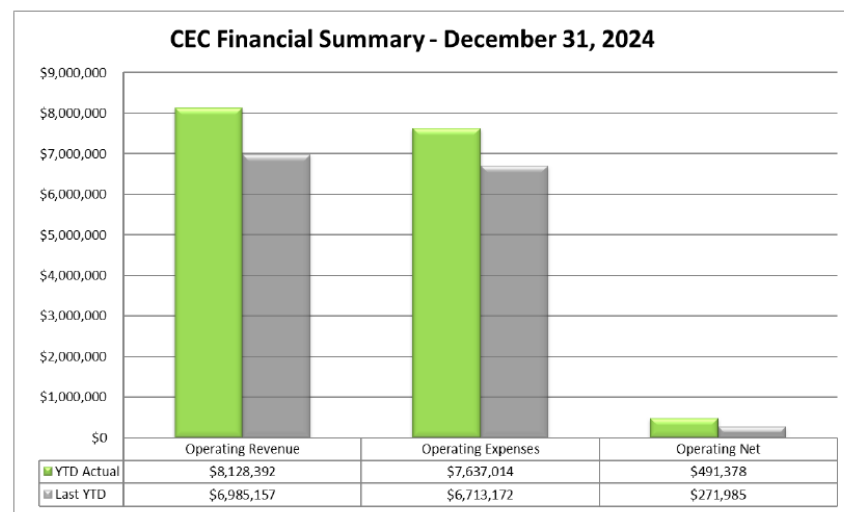
CFO Craig Evans reported the following financial statement analysis for the year ending December 31, 2024.

Key Highlights

- Operating Cash = \$2.3M
- Investment Reserves = \$1.2M
- Operating Net Surplus/(Deficit) = \$491K
- Net Assets = \$1.3M

Major Revenue Centers	YTD Actual	% of Annual Budget
Convention	\$2,505,405	119%
Membership	\$2,239,581	98%
Partnerships (inc. Expo)	\$859,598	116%
Publications & Merch.	\$809,835	127%
Prof. Development & Solutions	\$758,628	102%
LCE Subscriptions	\$315,349	83%
Component Services	\$204,319	129%
Journals	\$186,390	117%

Total Revenue	\$8,128,392	114%
Total Expenses	\$7,637,014	108%



5.2.2 Finance and Audit Standing Committee Update

Treasurer Jenn Lesh reviewed the schedule of the Finance & Audit Standing Committee for the year.

A decision was made to not have a separate board meeting each year for review of the audit and investments, as these are provided to the FASC. The presentation will be recorded for any board member to watch.

5.3 Board Committee Liaison Updates

Board members were able to report on the activities of their respective committees.

6.0 New Business

There was no new business.

7.0 For the Good of the Order and Adjournment

Without objection, President Bost adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

CEC Board of Directors
Voting Record
March 12, 2025

Motion						
Member	Agenda	Policy/Legislative Priorities	DEIA Resolution	PAC Co-Chairs	Family Workgroup Extension	Consent Agenda
Bost, Julie (P)	A	A	Y	A	A	A
Tillotson, Ben (PE)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Thompson, Kareem (IPP)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lesh, Jenn (T)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Adl, Anna	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bala, Radha	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Braddock, Amy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Cartagena, Sacha	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diliberto, Jennifer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Lewis, Concetta	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mixon, Toni	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Otheim, Wendy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Owiny, Ruby	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Rivera, Mabel	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Smith-Dixon, Zelfphine	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
YES (Y)	14	14	15	14	14	14
NO (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ABSTAIN (A)	1	1	0	1	1	1
ABSENT (O)	0	0	0	0	0	0
OUTCOME	P	P	P	P	P	P