

**COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Minutes

February 19, 2026

1.0. Call to Order and Official Items

1.1 Call to Order

President Ben Tillotson called the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors to order at 6:09 p.m. ET.

1.2 Record of Attendance and Determination of Quorum

A quorum of the following Directors was present:

Tillotson, Ben (P)
Lewis, Concetta (PE)
Bost, Julie (IPP)
Royer, David (T)
Adl, Anna
Armstrong, Precios
Bala, Radha
Braddock, Amy
Diliberto, Jennifer
Gonzales, Wendy
Mixon, Toni
Otheim, Wendy
Owiny, Ruby
Rivera, Mabel
Smith-Dixon, Zelfphine

Joined late: Smith-Dixon, Zelfphine (during 2.2); Royer, David (during 4.0)

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Julie Bost moved a motion to approve the agenda

Wendy Otheim seconded.

Motion passed.

2.0. “Policy” Items (Public or Operational)

2.1 Revision to CEC’s Board Operating Rules

The CEC Board of Directors has used Robert’s Rule of Order to conduct business. In addition, it follows rules required by the Code of the District of Columbia that apply to nonprofit corporations.

As Robert’s Rules of Order are designed for boards of all sizes and for those that discuss contentious issues, the Rules are thorough and can be overwhelming. The CEC Board, however, is a consensus-oriented Board and has historically made mostly unanimous decisions.

Adoption of these operating rules allows for greater efficiency and align with two of the three Operating Principles in the 2022-26 Strategic Plan: Nimbleness and Organizational Effectiveness.

MOTION: Anna Adl moved the motion to approve the new Operating Rules for the Board of Directors.

Amy Braddock seconded.

Motion passed.

Per the new Operating Rules, a second is now not required.

2.2 Bylaws Revisions Final Approval to Establish Board Nominations Subcommittee

MOTION: Adam Moore moved to approve the revisions to the Bylaws for a Board Nominations Subcommittee to take over the application and slating processes for members of the board from the Leadership Development Committee.

Motion passed.

3.0. Discussion Items

3.1 Developing New Family Materials

MOTION: Concetta Lewis moved to accept the recommendations of the Family Partnerships workgroup “Developing New CEC Deliverables with Family Partnership Focus,” and further moved to authorize the Executive Director and/or designated staff, to determine next steps for implementation of the approved recommendations, and any associated costs.

Motion passed.

3.2 Family Resolution Statement

MOTION: Julie Bost moved to table the motion until the March meeting to provide the opportunity for input on the resolution.

Motion passed.

3.3 Journal Editors Contracts Extension Proposal

MOTION: Adam Moore moved to approve the proposal to move forward with an inquiry of the editorial teams of TEACHING Exceptional Children and Exceptional Children about their interest in a contract extension.

Motion passed.

4.0 Convention Briefing

Executive Director, Chad Rummel, provided an overview of events, roles, responsibilities, and expectations, 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 Tillotson adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. ET.

**CEC Board of Directors
Voting Record**

February 19, 2026

Motion						
Member	Agenda	Board Operating Rules	Bylaws Revision Board Noms. Subcommittee	Developing New Family Materials	Family Resolution	Journals Editors Contracts Extension
Tillotson, Ben (P)	A	A	A	A	A	A
Lewis, Concetta (PE)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bost, Julie (IPP)	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Royer, David (T)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adl, Anna	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Armstrong, Precios	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Bala, Radha	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Braddock, Amy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Diliberto, Jennifer	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Gonzales, Wendy	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Mixon, Toni	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Moore, Adam	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, Zelfhine	0	0	Y	Y	Y	Y
YES (Y)	13	13	14	14	14	14
NO (N)	0	0	0	0	0	0
ABSTAIN (A)	1	1	1	1	1	1
ABSENT (0)	2	2	1	1	1	1
OUTCOME	P	P	P	P	P	P