COUNCIL FOR EXCEPTIONAL CHILDREN
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Minutes

July 18 – 19, 2026

1) Call to Order

President Ben Tillotson called the regular meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Board of Directors to order at 9:45 AM ET.

A quorum of the following Directors was present:

Name	Role	Present	Absent
Ben Tillotson	President	x	
Concetta Lewis	President Elect	x	
Julie Bost	Immediate Past President	x	
David Royer	Treasurer	x	
Chad Rummel	CEO, Secretary	x	
Anna Adl	Director	x	
Precios Armstrong	Director	x	
Radha Bala	Director		x
Amy Braddock	Director	x	
Jennifer Dilberto	Director	x	
Wendy Gonzales	Director	x	
Toni Mixon	Director		x
Adam Moore	Director	x	
Wendy Otheim	Director	x	
Ruby Owiny	Director	x	
Mabel Rivera	Director	x	
Zelphine Smith-Dixon	Director	x	

2) Adoption of Agenda

MOTION: Bost moved to approve the agenda.

Motion Passed by Consent.

3) Strategic Planning

The Board participated in a strategic planning session focused on organizational priorities and direction.

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 PM ET on July 18, to be reconvened on July 19.

The meeting reconvened on July 19 at 8:32 AM ET with President Tillotson presiding.

4) Position Statement: Caseload vs. Workload

MOTION: Adl moved to adopt CEC's Position Statement on Caseload vs. Workload, as recommended by the Policy Steering Committee.

Motion Passed by Consent.

5) Approving the Board Slate

MOTION: Armstrong moved to approve the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors Member at Large terms 2027-2031, as developed by the Board Nominations Subcommittee.

Motion Passed by Consent.

6) Creating a National Special Education Paraeducator Certification

MOTION: Moore moved to direct staff to create a National Special Education Paraeducator Certification, including partnering with an outside group to develop an exam bank, of which the costs will be amortized over seven years.

Motion Passed by Consent.

7) Consent Agenda

MOTION: Gonzales moved to adopt the consent agenda as presented.

Consent agenda:

- March 2026 Meeting Minutes
- Finance and Audit Committee (Standing)
- Leadership Development Committee (Standing)
- Development Committee (Advisory)
- Diversity Committee (Advisory)
- Division Relations Committee (Advisory)
- Honors Committee (Advisory)
- Legacy Proclamation and Necrology Committee (Advisory)
- Policy Steering Committee (Advisory)
- Professional Standards and Practice Committee (Advisory)
- Publications Committee (Advisory)
- Student and Early Career Committee (Advisory)
- Yes I Can Committee (Advisory)
- Accreditation Commission
- CEC Gift Acceptance Policy Annual Approval

Motion Passed by Consent.

8) Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to discuss the potential candidates for 2027 President Elect.

The Board returned from Executive Session

9) President Elect

> **MOTION:** Armstrong moved to pause the 2027 President Elect selection process and gather additional information and additional candidates.
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> **Motion Passed by Consent.**

10) Good of the Order and Adjournment

Without objection, Tillotson adjourned the meeting at 11:09 AM ET.