

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Friday, November 4, 2016
10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Haynesworth Sinkler and Boyd
22nd Floor Conference Room 4

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Friday, November 4, 2016. Those members present were: Nancy Pryor, Ed Brashier and Cindy Walton-McCawley. Participating via conference call were: Mara Dunkin and Amber Bishop. Present from the staff was Lynsey Cichon.

Call to Order: President Amber Bishop called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

Approval Minutes of October 2016 Meeting: There was a motion to accept the October 2016 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

Financial Report: Cichon reviewed financials, starting with the assets of the association. Cichon stated the **September 2016** Balance Sheet reports a month end checking account balance of **\$6,301.02**. The current bank account balance as of November 2, 2016 is **\$6,989.05**. Cichon reviewed the growth is due to the increase in dues collected.

Budget for 2016-2017: A current budget status was presented in the board packet. The current budget as reviewed individually by each board member.

Legislative Report: Jeff Thordahl reviewed the list of all the amendments to the Regulations for Licensing of Child Care Centers. The regulations have been printed in the most recent state register. There is a hearing scheduled to discuss the regulations and amendments. The hearing will be cancelled if one is not requested. It was requested that the amendments be sent out by management to the entire SCAECE membership. Thordahl reported that this was the first time the regulations have been moved forward since 2005. Thordahl also reported that the next step will be for the committee, House and Senate to work on a joint resolution. Discussion of the regulations followed. Thordahl said that he and Tami Nix did not have time to meeting with Representative Murrell Smith together; however, he was able to meet with Representative Smith to go over the fiscal impact study. Thordahl also indicated that the Joint Committee on Children is aware of SCAECE and there was a hearing that spoke about making child care work for everyone. Thordahl said that he was going to meet with them individually next week. He also said that Senator Brad Hutto is on the issue of child care and is also on this committee. Thordahl then indicated that Children's Trust Fund is another group that there is an agreement between and perhaps SCAECE needs to be banning with this organization as well. It was requested that management send the H. 3767 to the entire SCAECE membership as it has been re-written. Thordahl indicated that it has not been reintroduced yet and there will be a pre-filing date in December.

Conference Update: The Annual Conference announcement to vendors has gone out three times with the third email indicated that there will not be a Fall Leadership Conference and if any vendors/sponsors wish to be a part of a SCAECE Conference that this will be their only chance for the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Bishop reported that she has sent the conference grid to CCCCD for approval. Cichon reviewed the paid vendors, thus far, for the Conference. It was requested of management to send out a save the date to anyone that we have a point of contact from, from meetings past; included in this email the board would also like it indicated that if a center is for a part of ABC Quality certified then they can apply for a scholarship. It was also indicated that the board wants to reach out to Becker School Supplies to

potentially be a vendor at the Conference. There will also be a conference registration form attached in this email.

Newsletter: Cichon stated that the newsletter will highlight the February conference.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lynsey Cichon & Courtney Waldrup