

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 19, 2017**  
**10:00 am – 11:30 am**  
**Haynesworth Sinkler and Boyd**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room 4**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2017. Those members present were Carolyn Watt, Margaret Anne Gaffney, Tami Nix, Allison Cawley, Melissa Jordan, John Michael Nix, Tricia Sheldon, Ed Brashier and Jeff Thordahl. Participating by conference call were Tammy Compton, Nancy Pryor, and Cindy Walton-McCawley. Present from the staff were Courtney Waldrup and Christine Driessen.

**Call to Order:** As President Tammy Compton was not yet present, Vice President Carolyn Watt called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

**Minutes:** There was a motion to accept the July 21, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

**Management Report:** Waldrup presented the management report. It was stated that due to lack of content provided, the Newsletter had been delayed.

**Financial Report:** Gaffney presented the financial report. A question was raised about who a contribution to the lobbyist fund came from. It was suggested that the lobbyist fund goal and contributions be highlighted in the newsletter.

**2017-2018 Budget:** The proposed draft budget for 2017-2018 was presented. It was stated that the board would like to see a more realistic budget. Discussion followed, and it was decided that Waldrup would draft a more realistic budget and the Executive Committee would hold a conference call the next week to discuss, and this item was tabled until this could be completed.

**2017 Leadership Conference:** Nix stated that she spoke with Jessica Flowers from Ripple Effects, a potential speaker for the 2017 Leadership Conference. Flowers had availability on November 11 to speak. Discussion ensued regarding this date and it was determined that, due to the Veteran's Day holiday, USC home football game, and other factors that it would best to not conduct a Fall Leadership Conference this year and instead focus on the 2018 Annual Conference.

**2018 Annual Conference:** Driessen stated that we have received several proposals for presenters for the 2018 Conference but that more were still needed. She also stated that advertising has not been started yet as a keynote speaker has not been secured. Sheldon stated that she would contact Dr. Gloria Boutte, a professor at the University of South Carolina specializing in diversity as a potential keynote speaker. Nix stated that she would contact Jessica

Flowers to determine whether she had availability to speak. Sheldon stated she could also contact Dr. Sabina Mosso-Taylor as a potential keynote. It was suggested that Driessen contact CCR regarding potential presenters for breakout sessions.

**Legislative Report:** Sheldon presented a brief legislative update. She stated we are working together with members of the Committee on Children, Boys and Girls Club, and United Way on getting Senate Bill S4044 and House Bill 561 passed and are allowing Jeff to continue pressing with the legislators, presenting the bills was what is in the best interest of the children. She also stated that United Way has also been trying to get a child care tax credit put in place and are recommending a pilot program to be started. She also stated that she has an informational PowerPoint presentation that she has used for presenting on the bills and why they are important and that she could edit it to a “gentler” version that could be sent to members and used as a resource for those wanting to be able to speak at meeting and raise awareness.

Thordahl arrived at the meeting and expanded on Sheldon’s report. He stated that United Way and the Boys and Girls Club are our friends in getting this bill’s support as they understand the need for licensing and universal background checks. He stated that this is beneficial because they are close to the non-profit world, showing that it is not just the for-profit sector that is pushing for it. He stated that there is some push back from faith-based organizations and it seems that they are mostly fighting back due to the costs of the SLED fingerprinting and background checks.

**New Business:**

**Board Meeting Schedule:** There was discussion regarding what day and week of the month the board meetings should be held. It was determined that they would be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month, with the next meeting falling on Tuesday, October 17, 2017.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Driessen