

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, March 10, 2015**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**Jeff Thordahl's office**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, March 10, 2015. Those members present were: Cindy Walton-McCawley, Nancy Pryor, Carolyn Watt, Ed Brashier. Also present was lobbyist, Jeff Thordahl. Present from the staff was Courtney Waldrup and Lynsey Cichon.

President Walton-McCawley called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** The January 13, 2015 board meeting minutes were presented and reviewed.

**Financial Report:** The financials as of January 31, 2015 were presented and reviewed. The Balance Sheet for January 2015, reports the month end checking account balance of **\$10,936.64**. The current bank account balance as of March 10, 2015 is **\$8,228.77**.

**President's Update:** There was no report.

**Legislative Update:** Thordahl reported the House bill 3767 was introduced by Brian White. Thordahl reached out to chief-of-staff to determine which sub-committee the Bill will be referred to. Thordahl distributed a list of sub-committees within the House Ways and Means Committee. The board's mission is to connect a constituent member with a member of each of the sub-committee members. Thordahl indicated the process to match constituent members and committee members should begin now. Waldrup will distribute this list to the board in order to match up members. White believes House Bill 3767 could be in the Senate by April. Alternatively, House Bill 3767 could possibly be taken into sub-committee and then taken up in January of 2016. Last year House Bill 3767 was submitted to House of Education Committee. Thordahl provided a recap of House Bill 3767's history from last year and notify what the challenge is ahead, it was advised that activity and participation over the next 18 months are crucial to the fate of House Bill 3767. There was a discussion to send multiple emails to the membership which Thordahl will provide. Thordahl reported the Senate met in the Fall with a focus on abuse and neglect. Thordahl recommends getting the same bill introduced into the Senate by Senator Katrina Fry Shealy. It was suggested to ask Senator Shealy to investigate the DSS requirement to do at least one unannounced home visit to home centers. Ratio provision is still tucked in the budget at least for another year.

**Conference Report:** Program Chair Walton-McCawley reported the Annual Conference had 575 attendees of which 402 were ABC scholarships. ABC also sponsored the keynote speaker. Walton-McCawley distributed the evaluations and encouraged a strong recommendation to have sodas and water in the afternoon. It was suggested the registration will be changed. Numerous concerns were brought up in the evaluations about the sound system at the Medallion Center. Vendors will no longer be in the hallways and will be moved to the Capitol City room and have a designated Exhibit Hall.

Waldrup was asked to contact the Medallion Center to verify if February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016 is available for the conference.

**Membership Committee Report:** Waldrup was asked to draft a letter to Salcedo and Tarrant due to non-payment of membership fees. The letter will notify them that their board positions will be

suspended as they are not members in good standing due to non-payment of membership fees; additionally, board position can be reinstated once dues are paid.

**New Business:** There was discussion on the Fair Labor Standards Act proposed changes. Walton-McCawley participated on a conference call March 9<sup>th</sup> with the Child Care Associations of the following states: Georgia, Florida, Louisiana and North Carolina, at which time SCAECE was asked to provide a \$1000 donation to Fisher & Phillips to participate in having prepared comments submitted for all Southeast Child Care Associations. Waldrup was asked to send an email to the board requesting their vote by Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm so Walton-McCawley can respond.

**Old Business:** Pryor reported on the Lady Gamecocks basketball game for Health and Fitness.

**Unpaid Membership Dues:** The report was covered under Membership Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Waldrup and Lynsey Cichon