

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 12, 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, May 12, 2015. Those members present were: Cindy Walton-McCawley, Nancy Pryor, Ed Brashier, Tricia Sheldon, and Margaret Anne Gaffney. Participating by conference call was Shannon Erickson. Also present was lobbyist, Jeff Thordahl. Present from the staff was Courtney Waldrup and Lynsey Cichon.

President Walton-McCawley called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

**Minutes:** There was a motion to accept the March 10, 2015 board meeting minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition.

**Financial Report:** The financials as of April 30, 2015 were presented and reviewed. The Balance Sheet for April 2015, reports the month end checking account balance of **\$28,519.76**. The current bank account balance as of May 12, 2015 is **\$29,023.05**. Waldrup was asked to send the \$1000 check to Fisher & Phillips. There was a motion to allow the Executive Director to sign the agreement with Fisher & Phillips on behalf of SCAECE. The motion was seconded with no opposition. There was discussion on what type of data SCAECE would be asked to provide Fisher & Phillips.

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

**Legislative Update:** Thordahl indicated that SCAECE needed to secure one more vote in the sub-committee. It was suggested to have Crick and Davis reach out to Bluffton Representative Herbkersman. Erickson will find centers in Union County to reach out to Mike Anthony and centers in Dillon County to reach out to Jackie Hayes. It was suggested that the board reach out to home care providers to see they would be willing to provide support now that they are required to have one DSS home visit annually. Thordahl reported the legislative meeting today would be with the Boys and Girls Club, Parks and Recreation, After School Alliance, YMCA programs, SCAECE representatives and Bollick. He indicated the purpose of the meeting was to have an intellectual conversation to work through the regulations. Walton-McCawley asked Thordahl to prepare overview of house bill to be sent to the membership after the meeting.

**Conference Report:** Walton-Cawley reported on her conversation with Beverly Hunter about scholarships and sponsorship for 2016 Conference. There was discussion on the new federal law requiring teachers to obtain 30 hours of preservice training that will now be required of those receiving ABC scholarships or any federal funding. The Federal law was passed and participants will have through 2016 to complete the hours. The training will be free from 2015-2016. Walton-McCawley announced that she will be Conference Chair for 2016. Waldrup was asked to send the proposal from Medallion Center to Walton-McCawley. Walton-McCawley asked Waldrup to look into cost of an outside AV company to provide a sound system.

**Membership Committee Report:** There was a motion to allow Family Childcare homes to obtain SCAECE membership for \$50. The motion was seconded. There was an amendment to the motion to reduce the membership fee to \$25. The amendment was seconded. The amended motion passed with no opposition. The board approved sending the membership mailing addresses only to Associate members that requested the mailing list.

**Nominations:** Pryor reported Officers are elected for 1 year and Directors are elected for either 1 or 2 year terms. Discussion followed on potential officers and directors to serve on the 2015-2016 board. Pryor will have a slate to present at the July board meeting.

**Old Business:** There was no report.

**New Business:** There was no report.

Gaffney volunteered to assist in the review of the by-laws. Waldrup will send an email to the board requesting any necessary changes and will identify current loop holes.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Courtney Waldrup and Lynsey Cichon