

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Friday, March 10, 2017
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, March 10, 2017. Those members present were: Tricia Sheldon, Jeff Thordahl and Ed Brashier. Participating by conference call was Mara Dunkin, Cindy Walton-McCawley and Nancy Pryor. Present from the staff was Courtney Waldrup.

Call to Order: Vice President Mara Dunkin called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

Legislative Report: Thordahl gave an update on the First Steps Legislation must be renewed annually and they are working to make it permanent. Reauthorization bill for this year is totally different than it has been in previous years. Thordahl has had a conversation with the governor's house about keeping the First Steps program and doing what is necessary to keep the program. Thordahl and Sheldon reported the regulations went ahead and they had the legislators put in the ratio delay for at least a year in case the regulations are not passed this year. The public hearing for H3591 has been done, if no one requests a hearing it will move forward. Thordahl and Sheldon indicated they must get the notice into the legislation by the second Friday, which is today. Thordahl reported we are looking at the end of April before we get them to the General Assembly. They are hyper focused on getting the budget done, the House is on the budget next week and will not work on anything else. Thordahl contacted Senator Shelley to see if she will drop it in the Senate. Thordahl stated that even once it has been accepted we are going to have to wrestle with the fiscal impact of the 4 million. The conversation is moving from a why do we do this to a how do we do this.

Minutes: There was a motion to accept the January 13th minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without any opposition.

Financial Report: Waldrup reported on the financials as of February 28, 2017. After reviewing the financials and the forecasting Waldrup was asked to call an emergency board meeting regarding the current financial situation. There was a motion to dispense with the lobbyist fund. There was not a second and the motion failed. There was a motion to send an email to the SCAECE Board to disband the South Carolina Early Care and Education Association due to the inability to pay our bills. The motion was seconded and passed with no opposition. Waldrup will send an email with the motion to the board asking them to vote electronically or participate on an emergency conference call.

Regulations: Sheldon reported under legislative report, but followed up saying she has sent an email to make sure the notice goes in today.

Management Report: Waldrup state the management report was distributed within the packet.

New Business:

Member Benefits Association Program: Waldrup suggested tabling this discussion until the financial conference call.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Courtney Waldrup