

**South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Friday, July 21, 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 Friday, July 21, 2017. Those members present were Carolyn Watt and Margaret Anne Gaffney. Participating by conference call were Tami Nix, Marsha Davis, Tammy Compton, Nancy Pryor, and Ed Brashier. Present from the staff were Courtney Waldrup and Christine Driessen.

**Call to Order:** Treasurer Margaret Ann Gaffney called the meeting to order and stated a quorum was established.

**Minutes:** There was a motion to accept the April 18, 2017 minutes as presented. The motion was seconded and passed without opposition.

**Management and Financial Report:** Waldrup gave the management and financial report. Nix stated that she had not been receiving invoices for her agreed-upon April 2017-July 2017 contributions to the Lobbyist Fund; Driessen was asked to send the invoices to Nix.

**Legislative Report:** Report was submitted in an email by Jeff Thordahl. Included was information on two meetings in Conway, SC and Greenville, SC to discuss a potential program to offer tax credit to licensed child care providers in our state using the ABC rating system. Compton stated that she had attended a meeting on the subject which had taken place in Columbia and would recommend that others attend the meetings if they could. Watt stated that she plans to attend the meeting in Greenville and Nix stated she plans to attend the meeting in Conway. Driessen to send a meeting notice by email to members and Nix to post on SCAECE Facebook page.

**2018 Annual Conference:** Waldrup stated that the Medallion Conference Center contract has been signed to secure the meeting space for February 2, 2018 (set-up) and February 3, 2018 (conference date). Nix stated that she would be willing to assist in planning the conference as Amber Bishop, who had previously volunteered as conference chair, has notified the board of her resignation. Nix also stated she would follow up with Tricia Sheldon regarding leads for local keynote speakers. Waldrup stated that JEE has proposed a set fee for planning the conference of \$5,000 and \$1,500 for on-site hours (to include Friday set-up as well as Saturday event management), as opposed to hourly billing for management hours dedicated to planning and executing the conference.

**2017 Leadership Conference:** Nix stated that the tentative date for the Leadership Conference was still October or November. She has been considering the Ripple Effect for Leadership Workshop.

**Board Nominations:** Pryor presented the nominations that had been received for the 2017-2018 term and stated that there had been no nominations for President or Vice President. Gaffney nominated Watt for Vice President and she accepted. Watt nominated Compton for President and she accepted. Additional nominations were made for Mark Compton, John Michael Nix, and Chezerai McClorn (contingent upon membership). Discussion ensued, and the nominations were accepted by the board.

**New Business:**

**Member Benefits Association Program:** Driessen presented information on the TouchSuite Affinity Program: a business partnership which offers special rates to organization members using their credit card processing equipment as well as sharing revenue with the association to provide a non-dues revenue flow. Discussion ensued, and the board agreed that the association's participation in the program could be beneficial.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Driessen