

South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education
Board Meeting
Tuesday, November 17, 2015
8:30 am – 9:15 pm
Conference Call

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the South Carolina Association of Early Care and Education was held on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 by conference call. Those members present were: Tami Nix, Cindy Walton-McCawley, Nancy Pryor, Tricia Sheldon, Mara Dunkin, Shannon Erickson, and lobbyist Jeff Thordahl. Present from the staff were Courtney Waldrup and Lynsey Cichon.

Sheldon began the meeting by explaining where the compromise to House Bill 3767 originated. Last summer, a small group was called together by Senator Brian White of both licensed and non-licensed centers. It is believed that with a compromise both licensed and un-licensed centers can protect more children; additionally, with the licensed and non-licensed united there is more protection over a greater number of children in many types of care.

Dunkin added information from a previous compromise in Colorado and stated that, with a compromise, more data can be collected. She also stated that she thinks Senator White still believes in full licensing centers and will help full licensing centers.

Thordahl clarified that the only centers excluded will be centers that serve 100% of students who qualify for free and reduced lunch.

There was a motion to give Sheldon, King and Erickson authority to negotiate with stakeholders to find language to develop a compromise.

There was an amendment to the motion to make sure that there is communication from the legislative committee back to the SCAECE board. Discussion followed.

The original motion was modified to give authority to Sheldon, King and Erickson to negotiate, on behalf of SCAECE, a bill to protect children and once language is agreed on the compromise, it will be brought back to the board for consulting and discussion. The motion was seconded. The amendment was withdrawn. There was a call for the vote and the motion passed with five in favor and one opposed.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynsey Cichon